

Friends of the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys NWR  
Annual Meeting February 29, 2020  
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10am- call to order by John McPherson, president

- 1- John McPherson presented board business
  - a. Overview of Friends activities
  - b. Financial summary
  - c. Goals for 2020
  - d. Bylaw revision summary which was then ratified
  - e. The election of officers and directors
    - i. John McPherson, president
    - ii. Peg Hall, president-elect,
    - iii. Bill Dummitt, past president
    - iv. Linda Kimball, Treasurer
    - v. Debbie Meeks, Secretary
    - vi. Matt Chatowsky
    - vii. Ed Dehaan
    - viii. Denise Feiber
    - ix. Joe Hand
    - x. Debbie Jordan
    - xi. Boyd Kimball
    - xii. Dan Kline
    - xiii. Ginessa Mahar
    - xiv. John Thalacker
    - xv. Travis Thomas
    - xvi. Margy VanLandingham
    - xvii. Barbara Woodmansee
- 2- Andrew Gude gave a Refuge report
  - a. Overview of the staff and their duties
  - b. Cedar Key Light Station Renovation
  - c. Overview of the ongoing Refuge projects
  - d. Vic the Employee of the Year award
- 3- Ken Meyer of the Avian Research and Conservation Institute talked about their tracking studies and conservation issues of Swallow-tailed Kites.

The Business meeting adjourned at noon.

Following the meeting, there was a luncheon and an afternoon field trip to Vista which included a presentation by Belinda Nettles about Friends preparations for the eventual Refuge acquisition and use of the property.

Read more and see photos on the Friends website, [2020 Annual Meeting Brings Close to 150 Participants](#)