

Friends of the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges  
Board Meeting Minutes, April 2021

Members Present: Peg Hall, Barbara Woodmansee, Debbie Jordan, Debbie Meeks, Ed DeHaan, Dan Kline, Boyd Kimball, Linda Kimball, John Thalacker, John McPherson, Ginessa Mahar, Bill Dummitt, Joe Hand

Representing the refuges: Andrew Gude

The meeting (via Zoom) was called to order by President Peg Hall at 10 AM on April 20, 1991. The minutes of the March Meeting and the agenda were approved by a voice vote.

Linda Kimball gave the treasurer's report. The YTD transactions are attached to these minutes.

Andrew Gude gave the refuge report:

The Dixie Mainline roadside clearing had received several complaints.

Birds are nesting at Snake Key, none at Seahorse Key.

Birds being disturbed while nesting is a widespread problem.

Hunting is over for the 2020-2021 season.

Gulf settlement money is being used to improve shorebird nesting opportunities, and for restoring oyster bars such as Corrigan's Reef.

Currently working on justifying work on the Fishbone Creek pier.

New administrative assistant Johnny Mendoza starts work on Monday. He works on the larger complex and does not report to Andrew. Currently office space is short at the refuge.

2 YCC intern positions and one adult leader position are to be filled.

Andrew now has a copy of the Vista report- a management plan should be the next step.

Andrew was asked if the refuge ever received a report from Rick Kanarsky regarding architecture requirements- apparently not.

The family holding life estate of Vista is concerned that the Friends group still has no official status with FWS. They will be meeting soon with Andrew.

FWC is restoring Gomez Key with lime rock and jute mats.

John Thalacker suggests improvement of the area between the River and Tram Ridge trails with lime rock.

There were complaints that the News Brief didn't include a discussion of roadside clearing on the Main Line.

There was a discussion regarding the switch to DonorSnap. DonorSnap neglected to tell us about a \$15 monthly charge in addition to other GoEMerchant fees. GoEMerchant charges the same as Paypal but apparently also has a flat \$15 fee. It is still cheaper than Neon which would go from \$50 a month to \$150 a month. Debbie Meeks talked to GoEMerchant and got the monthly fee reduced to \$5/mo., probably just a one year reduction. Donorsnap waived their \$200 setup fee, so the cost of our first year is \$480. After that it will be \$600. The membership team merged household contact information into one record, which gives us many years before we approach the next pricing tier at 1000 records.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to move forward with GoEMerchant and Donorsnap.

There was a discussion of providing volunteers at the Cedar Key Welcome Center in addition to the normal Chamber of Commerce personnel.

Joe Hand mentioned membership is down. Lack of an in-person annual meeting as a vehicle for membership renewal has hurt. A second meeting in the fall was discussed. A problem with that is many members are not present in Florida at that time. No formal action was taken.

The format of monthly meetings going forward was discussed. Members varied in their opinions of the Zoom format. Hybrid meetings- a mix of in-person and Zoom- may be the way to go.

There was a short discussion of Dropbox use.

Barbara Woodmansee described her efforts to compile photos and info on all the butterflies at the refuge. We are currently in one of two peak periods of butterflies on the refuge, the other being in the fall.

There was a short discussion of use of Picture This for plants and iNaturalist for general identification of flora and fauna.

The Partnership agreement substance is still unknown. No decision is yet warranted since we still don't know what we would be signing.

John Thalacker has ordered new signs for the River and Tram Ridge trails, not received yet. Virtual trails were discussed.

Debbie Jordan gave a report on the Online Store. \$943 in sales so far. Hats and Butterfly shirts are the top sellers. There was a discussion on how to promote the store. A link to the online store should be included in Friends communications.

Suwannee the swallowtail kite is back in his home territory. Breeding activity is unknown at this point.

Jay was not present for an Advocacy Report, but believes that M-Cores may not be as dead as previously believed.

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**Friends**  
**Transaction List by Date**  
 January 1 through April 17, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Debit	Credit
<b>Jan 1 - Apr 17, 21</b>									
Check	01/05/2021		Square, Inc.		Regular C...	X	Administrative Costs		25.67
Check	01/05/2021	410	Faye Sanders CPA		Regular C...	X	Accounting Services		50.00
Deposit	01/05/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	95.60	
Deposit	01/06/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	135.72	
Deposit	01/08/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Administrative Costs	25.67	
Check	01/12/2021		NEON ONE	Neon Software	Regular C...	X	Website, Sotware, ...		74.99
Check	01/14/2021	411	Bill Dummitt		Regular C...	X	Inventory		1,721.70
Check	01/14/2021	412	Debbie Meeks	Expense reimburs...	Regular C...	X	Administrative Costs		11.00
Transfer	01/14/2021			Funds Transfer	Money Ma...	X	Regular Checking		2,000.00
Deposit	01/20/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	97.89	
Deposit	01/25/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	51.65	
Check	01/26/2021		GoShippo		Regular C...	X	Miscellaneous - O...		14.13
Deposit	01/28/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	25.67	
Deposit	01/31/2021			Interest	Money Ma...	X	Miscellaneous	2.61	
Deposit	02/02/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	191.80	
Deposit	02/03/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	140.00	
Check	02/04/2021	413	Faye Sanders CPA		Regular C...	X	Accounting Services		50.00
Deposit	02/04/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	96.00	
Deposit	02/05/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	25.67	
Check	02/12/2021		NEON ONE	Neon Software	Regular C...	X	Website, Sotware, ...		74.99
Deposit	02/15/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	23.97	
Deposit	02/18/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	51.65	
Check	02/18/2021		GoShippo		Regular C...	X	Miscellaneous - O...		3.56
Deposit	02/24/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	25.67	
Deposit	02/28/2021			Interest	Money Ma...	X	Miscellaneous	2.26	
Check	03/01/2021		GoShippo		Regular C...	X	Miscellaneous - O...		3.71
Deposit	03/01/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	271.80	
Deposit	03/02/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	616.64	
Check	03/02/2021		Square, Inc.		Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-		62.51
Deposit	03/03/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	40.00	
Deposit	03/04/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	51.65	
Deposit	03/04/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Website, Sotware, ...	74.99	
Deposit	03/04/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Website, Sotware, ...	74.99	
Deposit	03/05/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	51.65	
Check	03/08/2021		Adobe Systems Inc		Regular C...	X	Website, Sotware, ...		359.88
Check	03/08/2021		GoShippo		Regular C...	X	Miscellaneous - O...		47.52
Check	03/09/2021	415	Conversketch		Regular C...	X	Annual Meeting		500.00
Deposit	03/10/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	272.64	
Check	03/10/2021	414	Barbara Woodman...	Expense reimburs...	Regular C...	X	Inventory		461.54
Check	03/11/2021		NEON ONE	Neon Software	Regular C...	X	Website, Sotware, ...		50.04
Check	03/12/2021	416	Faye Sanders CPA		Regular C...	X	Accounting Services		50.00
Deposit	03/15/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	1,500.00	
Check	03/15/2021	417	USPS	Annual PO Box re...	Regular C...	X	Administrative Costs		56.00
Deposit	03/17/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	51.34	
Deposit	03/24/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	Dues and Donations	50.00	
Deposit	03/24/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	60.38	
Deposit	03/24/2021			Deposit	Money Ma...	X	Sales	40.00	
Deposit	03/26/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	104.00	
Deposit	03/26/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	25.67	
Check	03/26/2021	418	Barbara Woodman...	Expense reimburs...	Regular C...	X	Inventory		75.62
Deposit	03/29/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	51.65	
Deposit	03/31/2021			Deposit	Regular C...	X	-SPLIT-	23.97	
Deposit	03/31/2021			Interest	Money Ma...	X	Miscellaneous	2.51	
Check	04/01/2021	419	NEON ONE	Neon Software	Regular C...		Website, Sotware, ...		50.00
Check	04/01/2021	420	NEON ONE	Neon Software	Regular C...		Website, Sotware, ...		50.00
Check	04/02/2021		GoShippo		Regular C...		Miscellaneous - O...		6.69
Deposit	04/02/2021			Deposit	Regular C...		Dues and Donations	260.07	
Check	04/02/2021	421	Faye Sanders CPA		Regular C...		Accounting Services		50.00
Transfer	04/02/2021			Funds Transfer	Regular C...		Money Market Acc...		1,000.00
Check	04/12/2021		NEON ONE	Neon Software	Regular C...		Website, Sotware, ...		50.03
Deposit	04/13/2021			Deposit	Regular C...		-SPLIT-	20.48	
Deposit	04/16/2021			Deposit	Regular C...		-SPLIT-	23.97	

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