Monthly Board Meeting of the Friends of the LSNWR 2/20/2019

Present: Bill Dummit (president), John McPherson, Boyd and Linda Kimball, Libbie Cagle, Kit Lane, Joe Hand, Dan Kline, Jay Bushnell, Debbie Meeks, Margy VanLandingham, Russ Hall, Ed DeHaan, John Thalacker, Bob Lewis

Called to Order at 9:59.

- 1.Moved, seconded and passed to accept the published agenda and minutes of the last meeting.
- 2. Committee Reports:

Refuge report by Andrew Gude. Recent activities have included cleaning the shop for annual meeting, posting signs around Snake Key, controlled burning. Activities were substantially slowed by the federal government shut down. We may have a law enforcement staff person by year's end.

Vista report by John McPherson. The consultant's report has just arrived and appears to be very thorough. John has not yet had time to review it and plans to have a complete report at the March meeting.

Visitor contact report by Kit Lane. Things are going well.

Communication by Debbie Meeks. The new bat brochure looks great. Debbie discussed starting at meetup account and how that would function. Bob Lewis moved that we open a meetup account for 3 months. Seconded and passed.

Treasurers Report: The report was passed out. Our accounts and finances have been reviewed by Mac Cox and are in good order.

Merchandising: We have many new shirts and are trying to close out the old.

Nominating Committee: We have a new member, Joe Hand. We will seek approval at the annual meeting.

3. Annual meeting prep.

Russ moved, Kit seconded approval of proposed board slate. It will be presented at the annual meeting.

We will meet for set up at 2 on Friday. Future plans include milk weed propagation and repainting of the refuge gates.

- 4. Earth Day Event draft proposal by Bob Lewis
- 5. By-law revision. John McPherson moved and Kit seconded that the proposed by-law revisions not be taken the upcoming annual meeting, but be updated and taken to the next annual meeting. After extensive discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Russ Hall will discuss iNaturalist at the annual meeting. 28 people have signed onto the Lower Suwanee site with 714 observations.

7. New Business: None was proposed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:38.

Ed DeHaan Secretary