Friends of the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys NWR Annual Meeting February 27, 2021 On Zoom

10 a.m. The meeting was called to order by John McPherson, president. He welcomed the approximately 60 participants.

Election of Board Officers and Directors

After a brief discussion of the process for the online meeting, John held the election of directors and officers to the board of directors. There being no nominations from the floor, a vote was held using the polling function of Zoom. The slate of directors and officers presented by the nominating committee was accepted by the members.

Slate of Officers and Directors as Elected

Peg Hall President

• Debbie Meeks President-elect

• John McPherson Immediate-Past President

Linda Kimball TreasurerBill Dummitt Secretary

Directors

o Ed DeHaan

- o Debbie Jordan
- o Dan Kline
- Joe Hand
- o Paul Ramev
- John Thalacker

The new President, Peg Hall, introduced the graphic recorder, Karina Branson who provided the live recordings for the meeting.

Refuge Manager Andrew Gude provided a refuge update.

Peg Hall, Debbie Jordan, and Linda Kimball provided a Friends update, including information on the potential signing of the partnership agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an overview of the results of the Vista consulting report, Friends financial report for the previous year, and information about the

new online store and the ongoing swallow-tailed kite tracking project.

Dr. Ginessa Mahar was the featured speaker. Her presentation was Friends, Feasts, and Fishes: Facilitating Ancient Gatherings.

See also the report and time-lapse graphic recordings on Friends website, 2021 Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

submited by: Peg Hall approved by the board at the board meeting on May 18, 2021