

Friends and Volunteers of Refuges
Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys NWR
Board Meeting
September 10, 2008

My notes on the Board meeting held on September 10 at the Refuge Headquarters. Present were Jay Bushnell, Loye Barnard, Barney Barnard, Jim Hess, Bob Hudson, Sean Dowie and Joan Stephens, along with John Kasbohm and Pam Darty. (This may not be an accurate list since I didn't write this down that day)

Jay Bushnell talked about goals and what this organization wanted to accomplish.

The minutes from January 23, 2008 were approved

By-laws need revision and Jay Bushnell has printed out some changes. These were discussed. He would like a name change. If this can be done simply and without too much expense. It was voted upon to change the name and this passed.

Code of ethics: Bob Hudson will look into what other corporations use. Joan Stephens will look into the ABA code which will have more to do with conducting one self when birding than anything else.

Bank changes: In order to have new names on the account we need to find out how to do that Joan Stephens said she would. (Note after the meeting she did...we will need new cards signed which means the people involved need to go to the bank with two picture ID's and sign)

Elections: Sean Dowie made a motion that we make the officers term of office two years and the Directors term of office three years. Barney Barnard seconded and this passed.

Gopher News Letter: This needs to go out very soon in order to have it in the hands of members before the Sept 20th clean-up. The refuge will provide a boat . October 18/19 is the Sea Food festival and Margy Vanlandingham had said previously she would handle that. Oct. 3to 5th is the bird festival. Nature Walks will resume on October 6th. An Open house for members only will be held on Sea Horse on Nov 5th Must have RSVP as a limited number of boats will be available.

IBIS Articles need for the Ibis to be distributed in October PhotoWorkshop...YCC... Presidents message...book review...staff interview. Already received the Fishing Day and an article on Pine forest restoration.

No date was set for the Annual Meeting.

Adjourned 3:50

Respectfully submitted by Joan Stephens ...filling in for Bob Hudson who has an injured arm.