

MINUTES
Friends and Volunteers of Refuges
Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys NWR
Board Meeting
January 15, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Friends and Volunteers of Refuges, Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges, met at the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on January 15, 2009, following a recognition luncheon for Refuge staff. Jay Bushnell, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

The following board members were present:

Loye & Barney Barnard
Jay Bushnell, President
Jim Hess
Bob Hudson
Joan Stephens
John Thalacker

Others present included:

Pam Darty, Refuge Ranger
Ed DeHaan, Member
John Kasbohm, Refuge Mgr. (telephone)
Donna Kraft, Member
Kay McCallister, Member

December 1, 2008, Board of Director Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on December 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Notification Of Members

Jay Bushnell reported that the recent edition of the Gopher Tortoise provided notification to members of proposed revised Bylaws to be presented at the general membership meeting in March for approval, and that the full proposed Bylaws have been posted on our website for review. This satisfies the notification requirements for bylaw changes.

Nominating Committee

Jay Bushnell and Joan Stephens reported that Marcy Wilcox has agreed to be candidate for Vice President, and will be presented with the proposed slate of officers at the general membership meeting.

2009 Annual General Membership Meeting

The agenda and details of the General Membership meeting scheduled for March 7, 2009, in the town of Suwannee were discussed in detail. The speaker will be Peter Frederick, whose specialty is the Ibis. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Suwannee Community Center with the business meeting, followed by the speaker and then lunch. Lunch will be for members only. Following lunch, a variety of activities are planned.

Action Planning for 2009

- Planning of Friends Group events – It was noted that a wide range of events for 2009 had been published in the recent Gopher Tortoise and will also be published in the upcoming edition of IBIS. Jay Bushnell thanked the Event Planning Sub-committee consisting of John Thalacker, Tom Liebert, and Rod Hunt for assisting him in event planning. It was noted that some weekend and late afternoon events were included so that working individuals and children can participate.

- Membership – The need to increase membership was discussed. Jay Bushnell reminded everyone that we committed to recruit two new members each.
- Ibis – It was noted that the next issue of IBIS would be published in early February. The next issue of the Gopher will be published in late February. Topics, assignments and deadlines for these publications were reviewed.
- Delegates to the Friends Conference in Washington, D.C. – It was reported that Joan Stephens and Marcy Wilcox will attend the national Friends of National Wildlife Refuges conference in Washington, D.C. in February as approved by the board of directors at its December, 2008, meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.