

Friends of the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys NWR
November 18, 2020 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Prepared by: Debbie Meeks

Present: none

By phone: John McPherson, Matt Chatowsky, Bill Dummitt, Denise Feiber, Peg Hall, Joe Hand, Boyd Kimball, Linda Kimball, GiNESSA Mahar, Debbie Meeks, John Thalacker, Barbara Woodmanssee
Guests by phone: Andrew Gude

10am- call to order

- 1- The agenda was adopted by consensus.
- 2- The October minutes were accepted.
- 3- The treasurer's report was approved. Linda discussed an alternate way to present the report but it was decided that it is fine the way it is.
- 4- Refuge report
 - a. Andrew anticipates getting \$275,000 to rebuild the Fishbone creek fishing/viewing platform and making it handicapped accessible.
 - b. Hunting is about to wrap up until February.
 - c. The bridges on the Dixie Mainline were graffitied. George painted them brown.
 - d. Daniel is doing a restoration planting of longleaf pine and wiregrass in two areas.
- 5- FWS Partnership Agreement
 - a. Peg reported that Joan Patterson at the Coalition of Refuge Friends met with FWS leadership about why some Friends won't sign. Joan used many of the reasons Peg provided in her argument.
- 6- Annual Meeting
 - a. It was decided not to hold the annual meeting the same way we traditionally do so we can reduce potential Covid exposure. A webinar was discussed. Debbie J and GiNESSA will look into the platforms they are familiar with using. Peg will ask members if there is any particular topic they are interested in hearing more about.
- 7- Project Reports and Discussions
 - a. Visitor Contact
 - i. The program is still shut down.
 - b. Interpretive Media and Membership
 - i. Debbie M. reported that she, Peg, Linda and Matt conference called with Bill Everitt of the Friends of St. Marks to look at a free membership software package but decided it is too much technical work for us. Little Green Light is looking good.
 - c. Online Communications
 - i. Peg emailed a report
 - d. Inventory and Sales
 - i. Since sales are shut down for the foreseeable future there was discussion about starting an online store. Inventory storage and shipping are two hurdles to overcome. We probably can't use the refuge shed if we don't sign the FWS agreement. Matt will look at Weebly to see if it would be a good store platform for us. Debbie J. will take the lead and others are willing to help.
 - ii. Debbie J and Bill will see if a small quantity of kite t-shirts can be purchased to fill a few orders that came in.
 - e. Kite Project

