

Board Meeting Minutes
Friends of the Lower Suwanee and Cedar Keys Wildlife Refuges
10/21/2016
Submitted by William Dummitt

Short Notes from a Short Meeting

Board Members Present: Maria Sgambati, Bill Dummitt, Russ Hall, Peg Hall, Debbie Meeks, Margy VanLandingham, Carmelo Echevarria

Guests: Frank and Mandy Offerle

Refuge Staff: Andrew Gude, Dan Barron, Dan Frisk

The October 2016 meeting was held at the Suwanee Community Center in conjunction with the annual Suwanee cleanup. Board members met at the Treasure Camp boat ramp for a boat ride down the Suwanee with refuge staff members Dan Barron and Andrew Gude.

After the cleanup was complete there was a lunch supplied by the local cleanup volunteers. Dan Barron gave a very informative talk on the history of the refuge.

After Dan's talk, the business meeting was held. Minutes of the previous meeting and agenda for this meeting were approved.

Dan Frisk, Refuge Complex Manager introduced himself to the group and gave a brief overview of the refuges in his area.

A treasurer's report was not made at the meeting but was provided ahead of time and is attached.

Carmelo gave an inventory report. A written overview of sales from the Friend's booth at the Seafood Festival is attached. Two new members joined at the booth.

Andrew Gude gave a refuge report. He asked if it would be possible for Friends to staff the desk at the refuge at times during the winter season. No formal action was taken but the group agreed to seriously consider the idea.

Maria passed around a draft Advocacy policy from the Ottawa NWR. There was a brief discussion of whether the group needed a similar document.

The date for the Annual Meeting was tentatively set for March 4, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned.

Festival Booth Report (from Carmelo's email to Maria)

Total Sales- \$489

New Members- (2)- \$30

Donations- \$34

Total overall- \$553

Items Sold:

T-shirts- 35

Earrings-7

Hats (female)- 3

Water bottles- 4

Overview Paddling Panel WP-2

Friends of Refuges

Balance Sheet

As of October 19, 2016

Oct 19, 16

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Petty Cash

110.00

Regular Checking

19,971.62

Savings

10,002.96

Total Checking/Savings

30,084.58

Total Current Assets

30,084.58

TOTAL ASSETS

30,084.58

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Sales Tax Payable

31.66

Total Other Current Liabilit...

31.66

Total Current Liabilities

31.66

Total Liabilities

31.66

Equity

Opening Balance Equity

28,042.94

Net Income

2,009.98

Total Equity

30,052.92

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

30,084.58