

Friends of the Island Parks Board Meeting 18 May 2010, 6.30 pm.

Thanks to Bob for writing the Minutes; any typing errors are mine (Melanie).

Chairperson: Vice President Ron Geisheimer

Board members present: Ray Dabkowski, Cynthia Farris, Diane Hood, Scott Hood, Jacques Marion, Bob Meadows, Mike Moran, Sally Naylor, George Skalkeas, Toni Wise.

In attendance: Gloria Beauchamp, Bill Gruber, Tim Marshall.

Apologies: Barry & Melanie Metcalfe

Minutes of April 20, 2010 meeting:

Addition – include Sharkbite information in Island EarthDays report.

Correction – in line 3 of AOB, change Experience to Experienced.

Motion to approve minutes – Diane; seconded by Ray.

President's Report: Barry (absent) had indicated a need for volunteers for Nature Center Ops committee – see Barry if interested. Also, need for volunteers for work day on lock-up, sometime between June 6-22 – see Barry.

Park Manager's Report: Gloria reported on need for volunteers for Rotary Triathlon, 6 June; sign-up form circulated. Also, training for oil spill problems will be available if needed.

Treasurer's Report: George presented monthly report. Also reported that \$6000 was spent on new radios for the staff. Motion to accept report – Ray; seconded by Mike.

Membership Report: Monthly meeting on 25 May will feature Ranger Shirley Meggs speaking on the Life of Turtles on the islands. In addition, a local Boy Scout will give a short presentation on a proposed project. Last, but not least, there will be a celebration of the third anniversary year of the Nature Center.

Nature Centre (Retail): Sharon not available to report. Tim reported that a new sales rack has been added to the retail area.

Nature Centre (Operations): as previously noted, need for additional members for Operations Committee; see Barry or Tim.

Island EarthDays, 16 & 17 April 2011. Please note date.

Bench Program: Bob reported that four benches have been donated in 2010. Request for a swing received. Awaiting completed form and check. Three additional people have requested information.

Wildflower Garden: Toni reported committee met recently. Looked at a potential layout. Suggested we solicit donated bricks and benches to enhance garden area.

Compost available on island for garden. Peter and Dan Larimore recommend growing plants here and use seeds for planting garden.

Other Business:

- Tim reported that NC volunteers will visit Dunedin Historical Society on May 22, with lunch after.
- Karen announced presentation on oil spill at Clearwater Marine Science Center, May 20 at 6pm. Info also available at State level, Amy Graham 850-245-2122.
- Karen reported Dunedin Highland Middle School visited HISP, May 11 and 13 for LIFE program. Very positive and received excellent article with photos in St Pete Times. Also, school send Thank You card.
- Bill Gruber donated “back” the seven older two-way radios that were replaced by the recent purchase of new radios; Friends can use these for various volunteer projects.
- Clearwater Audubon Society will present a “Shorebird” workshop and guided tour, May 29, 8.30-11 am. at NC; pre-registration required.

Motion to adjourn: Scott made the motion at 7.10 pm; seconded by Jacques.