

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

August 12, 2020 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

The meeting began at 7 pm: Niki, Virginia, Mike, Steve, Tina and Shirley attending. The meeting was held remotely via GoToMeeting.

1. **Minutes:** The July minutes were posted to the website.

2. **Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs**

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members on August 12.

3. **Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs**

- Middleton High School FFA: Mike and Virginia visited the site and gave advice on plant selection and Kenny Gil submitted revised plans. He is asking \$500 for plants and irrigation equipment. Agriculture students will do the work and the tv production class will film the progress for the native plant garden.
- A motion was made to reimburse Kenny Gil up to \$500 for plants and irrigation equipment. The micro irrigation system should be priced first. Plants are subject to board approval and Virginia will accompany him to select and transport. The motion was discussed and voted on with 6-0 approval.

4. **PR Report:**

- If we do a plant sale on our own, Virginia will look into a Facebook Boost which will get the word out to other groups.
- Suncoast gmail account needs to be monitored. Shirley will get name and password to Virginia.

5. **Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson**

- The sign at Morris Bridge on the county native plant enclosure should be replaced using the wording Mike suggested in his email (on file). The county can make the sign and we will reimburse costs as needed. Mike will contact ranger Jared about getting this done.
- Tina is setting up a meeting with Chris Kiddy and the new Lettuce Lake manager about a procedure to allow groups of volunteers to work in the parks again and to resume native plant walks for small groups.

6. **Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet and Shirley Denton**

- **August 19-** No meeting. We have shared Jaret Daniels presentation to the Florida Wildflower Foundation.
- **September 16– Janet Bowers and Virginia-** garden talk and question and answer. Shirley will give directions for running the meeting to Virginia and Tina because both she and Niki are out of town.
- **October 21- Anita Camacho? NABA Tampa Bay-** Tina will see if she is available.
- **November – member share event**
- **December – Holiday Party** -A Suncoast party in the park was suggested, maybe Upper Tampa Bay or Alderman's Ford.

7. **Field Trips/Campouts: Steve Dickman/Tina Patterson/Shirley Denton**

- **September 19- Cockroach Creek Greenway Preserve.** Steve will send details on location to the board.
- Tina has reserved two sites and Janet Bowers and Shirley have reserved one site each at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park for the weekend of **October 23-25**. We have sites #9 ,11 and 13 and Shirley has #7.

- **November 21 – Connerton Preserve**

8. Plant Sale

- The USF Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale is officially canceled.
- Kim has offered to let us do a native plant sale in October or November at the gardens. Virginia will contact her for details. Niki says we need to ask about percentages, profit-sharing, advertising and infrastructure (tables, location).
- We will need to buy and move plants ourselves. Niki has a new pickup truck that could be used.
- Once a date is determined, we should contact Steve Farnsworth to see if he wants to join us.

10. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the September newsletter should be sent by August 25.

Action Items:

Virginia: Meet with Kenny. Talk to Kim at USF. Practice GoToMeeting with Shirley and Tina.

Tina: Meet with Chris Kiddy on volunteers and park activities. Contact Anita about October.

Shirley: Create links for September BOD and chapter meeting. Train Virginia and Tina on managing a meeting. Send gmail Suncoast account information to Virginia.

Mike: Talk to ranger Jared about Morris Bridge sign.

Steve: Send field trip info to Shirley, Virginia and Tina.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, September 8, at 7 pm.

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