**Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes**

**June 21, 2017 , Beef O’Brady’s**

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm : Donna, Virginia, Gar, Tina and Andy attending;

Donna announced that she is moving to Tennessee and could leave at any time.

**1. Minutes**: The May minutes were approved.

**2**. **Treasurer’s Report : Gar**

* The t-shirt money was received.
* The laptop is working with the external keyboard but we still need to consider buying a new laptop.

**3. PR Report: Andy**

* Andy has spoken with Quala and Coca-Cola who want to do workdays with us.
* Andy needs administrative access to post on the Facebook page and promote our events there.
* We may get a request for grant support from a USF PhD student working on a program with pre-schoolers.

**4. Gardens and Outreach:**

* The June 24 walk was cancelled because of a conflict with the Bok Tower trip. July is also cancelled but August 26 is scheduled.
* We should ask Janet about dates for work days at HCC.

**5. Membership Meetings/Speakers:**

* June 21 – Cheryl Peterson of Bok Tower on “Native and Endemic Plants”. Cheryl could not be here so she is being replaced by Philip Gonsiska, the Bok Rare Plant Curator.
* July 19 – joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon, to be held at the Seffner Extension Center; Ross Dickerson, Hillsborough County Wilderness Parks and Preserves, will be the speaker.
* Donna will send a reminder to Sierra and Audubon :

1) 5-6 pm socialize in the Bette S. Walker Discovery Garden in the Atrium of the Extension Center.

2) 6-7 pm Pot Luck Dinner in the Garden (or the Center meeting rooms in case of rain)

3) 7-8 pm Ross Dickerson speaks

4) 8-8:30 pm Cleanup

* The board approved spending $100 for a thank-you gift for the Extension Center, possibly plants or a gift card to a native plant nursery.
* Donna will make six signs with arrows pointing people toward the food serving area.
* Tina will contact volunteers. Devon can continue signing people up at tonight’s meeting.
* Tina will spend up to $200 for paper supplies and drinks. We need 2 coolers for ice.
* Aug 16 – John McGee, manager for Hillsborough County, who helped develop the Adopt-a-Pond program, will speak.
* Sep 20 –Donna Bollenbach on “Snags, Woodpiles and Wildlife!” If Donna cannot speak, we can fill in from another member.
* Oct 18 – Alan Franck on medicinal plants; [afranck@mail.usf.edu](mailto:afranck@mail.usf.edu) ; Virginia to get a talk summary for the newsletter
* Nov 15 – Nanette ; Virginia to get a title and topic summary from her
* Dec 9- Holiday party at Lettuce Lake. Tina to arrange pavilion rental for 30 to 50 people. December 2 is a back-up date.

**6. Field Trips/Campouts:**

* June 24 – Bok Tower Garden, guided tour of the native plant area. Virginia will email participants.
* July 22 – cancel
* Aug 19 – possible , Sweet Bay nursery buying trip
* Sep 23 – open; possibly a visit to Rock Ponds Restoration Project. Andy can set up access.
* October ? – additional local field trip; Fall Plant Sale is October 13,14 and 15;
* October 27,28 and 29 – camping trip to Myakka River State Park, reserving campsites at Old Prairie camping area; Donna reports that some people just want to come for the day; we should continue to advertise this outing
* Nov 18 – open, Shirley?
* Dec 9- holiday party; Lettuce Lake

**7. New Business:**

* Audubon has asked us to be a sponsor at the Birding Festival in October. The board decided that we could not participate actively this year because we need everyone for the Fall Plant Sale but would approve a business card sized ad in the program if we could get a reasonable price. Donna will negotiate if it comes up at the joint meeting.
* Devon is the only person so far on the Nominating Committee. We need a president, treasurer, field trip coordinator and plant sale coordinator. The treasurer should have experience with Excel or other accounting program and with taxes. Gar will help the new treasurer get started through March.
* Gar will email members and ask for ideas on what plants to order for the plant sale. In the future, we might want to consider partnering with a nursery on our sales.

**Action Items:**

**Donna:**

* Make signs and continue to communicate with Sierra and Audubon about the July 21 joint meeting
* Meet with board members to pass on information about the website and other procedures.
* Announcements, conversations and email reminders, as noted.

**Virginia :**

* Email information to Bok Tower participants .
* Confirm speakers for remainder of year and obtain bios and talk summaries from them.
* Begin looking for speakers for January and February of 2018.

**Gar:**

* Provide Devon with information on the treasurer position.

Tina:

* Contact members about volunteer duties for joint meeting.
* Coordinate with Bunny on joint meeting supplies. Buy supplies, drinks and ice. Find two coolers.

Andy:

* Publicize chapter events and activities.

The next board meeting will be Monday, July 17, at 4 pm at Beef O’Brady’s on MLK in Seffner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Tina Patterson , secretary