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

**May 10, 2017 , Bob Evans Restaurant**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm : Donna, Virginia, Gar, Tina and Andy attending;

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

**2**. **Treasurer’s Report : Gar**

* Gar presented the report which shows a net gain for the first time this year.
* Still awaiting a check from Custom Ink for the t-shirts ($315.90). It may have been sent to his home address.
* The report notes $146.00 in plants for Flatwoods and HCC from the plant sale.
* $40 post office box fee is listed under miscellaneous.
* The easel and supplies came to $224.06 and are reported under SNPS office.
* The treasurer’s report was approved by the board.

**3. PR Report: Andy**

* A company (Quala) contacted Andy . They are looking for volunteer opportunities for their staff. We could possibly schedule a workday with them in the fall.
* The Times reporter at the Lettuce Lake Earth Day Native Plant Walk has not gotten back to us with information on what she will do with her interviews and photos.
* Paula in Bloomingdale has offered to host events at her house if the food is brought in. We should discuss with Harriet and Devon before deciding on a holiday party location.
* Andy continues to promote meetings and events.

**4. Gardens and Outreach:**

* The next walk at Lettuce Lake is May 27. The June 24 walk was cancelled because of a conflict with the Bok Tower trip. July is also cancelled but August 25 is scheduled.
* We should ask Janet about dates for work days at HCC.

**5. Membership Meetings/Speakers:**

* May 10 - open mic , date change due to conference confirmed with JoAnn; E.G.Simmons video with Chris Kiddy; Donna with practice Pictionary game; Niki on public lands; Devon will share Alabama pictures and talk about her next planned tour.
* June 21 – Cheryl Peterson of Bok Tower on “Native and Endemic Plants”
* July 19 – joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon, to be held at the Seffner Extension Center; Ross Dickerson, with Hillsborough County Wilderness Parks and Preserves, will be the speaker.
* Donna sent a flyer 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

* We should get a thank-you gift for the Extension Center, possibly plants.
* Donna will ask for volunteers at this meeting and in June to help with setup, directing people through the building, maintaining the food and beverage area, and cleaning afterward. We also need signs made to direct people to the correct rooms and areas.
* Tina will talk with Bunny about supplies we need.
* 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!”
* 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 2 or 9 – holiday party ; date and location to be determined

**6. Field Trips/Campouts:**

* May 13 – Donna will lead a trip to Wolf Branch with lunch afterward at E.G. Simmons. The hike will start at 8:30.
* June 24 – Bok Tower Garden, guided tour of the native plant area. Gar will send a check for the $50 deposit. Everyone will pay him the $7 entrance fee and he will write a check for the balance on the day of the trip. We will meet at the gardens at 9:45 am and enter as a group. Virginia has a signup sheet and will email participants. Some people may want to carpool.
* July 22 – cancel
* Aug 19 – possible , Sweet Bay nursery buying trip
* Sep 23 – open; Shirley will work on the fall trips after State Conference ends
* October ? – additional local field trip; Fall Plant Sale is October 13,14 and 15; Donna will be in Kissimmee that weekend
* 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- holiday party; will decide on location after talking to possible hosts

**7. New Business:**

* The FNPS state conference is May 18-21 at Westgate River Ranch Resort. Advanced registration closes tonight.
* Donna was elected as Council Chair in FNPS. She will stay on as our Chapter Representative and serve on the SNPS board as an at-large member.
* We need to start recruiting new officers for next year. Donna will talk to Devon about forming a nominating committee. Virginia and Tina would like to stay on with their current responsibilities.
* Virginia will speak with the member whose shirt came apart and offer him a new one if we have his size or we will give him a refund.
* Virginia got a request from USF for a speaker at their summer plant sale. The date is June 24. The board asked her to decline the request.
* A vote was taken and passed to approve a $50 honorarium to Cheryl Peterson for speaking at the June meeting.

**Action Items:**

**Donna:**

* Lead May 13 field trip to Wolf Branch and Simmons Park
* Continue to communicate with Sierra and Audubon about the July 21 joint meeting
* Do sign-up sheet for volunteers for joint meeting
* Announcements, conversations and email reminders, as noted.

**Virginia :**

* Continue to communicate with Bok Tower participants and leaders.
* 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:**

* Deposit for Bok Tower, $50.

Tina:

* Contact members about volunteer hours.
* Coordinate with Bunny on joint meeting supplies.

Andy:

* Publicize chapter events and activities.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, at 4 pm at Beef O’Brady’s on MLK in Seffner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Tina Patterson , secretary