

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

May 11, 2021 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

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

1. Minutes: The April minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- Niki sent the report and April summary to the board via email.
- Niki also presented a report on the April plant sale at USF showing a net profit of \$1409.69.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs

- Niki noted that USF Botanical Gardens did not cash the check from the November sale. The check for \$162.18 was voided and a new check written to cover both November and April, \$536.05.
- A motion was made and seconded to offer Jeannie Mounger a membership for speaking in June. It passed 6-0.

4. PR Report: Virginia Overstreet

- Steven Hesterberg has volunteered to help us with Facebook and other social media.
- Virginia has shared information for the May meeting with the USF Forest Preserve group.
- Tina has shared May meeting information with CELM and Lettuce Lake staff.

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- The main garden area at Lettuce Lake has been expanded and Tina has asked Suncoast, Tampa Audubon and park staff to help plan the addition. Virginia and Janet will meet her there at 9 am Tuesday, May 18.
- After plans are determined, Tina will write a grant proposal for the garden work and plantings to present to the board. She will also ask Audubon for a grant.

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

- **May 19- Joel Jackson**, "History of Lettuce Lake" and planning of conservation parks.
- **June 16- Jeannie Mounger, USF**, will talk about efforts to keep the USF Forest Preserve from being sold.
- **July 14** – joint meeting; Audubon is hosting
- There are no plans for in-person meetings at this time. The Extension Office and libraries are not fully open.
- We could do a plant swap at a city or county park.

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

- We will continue to allow only Suncoast (FNPS) members and require masks as needed.
- **May 20-** Withlacoochee State Forest southwest corner, led by Colleen Werner and John Miller.
- **June 18, 19 or 20** – Jeannie or another USF representative to lead us on a visit to the USF area. She can choose date and maximum participants (10 to 15).
- Steve suggested a trip to Upper Tampa Bay Park in early June with Joel present to discuss the Visitor Center and displays there. This depends on the building reopening by that time.
- A July field trip could be Little Red Wagon or another native nursery in the area.

- **Fall Camping Trip:** Highland Hammock SP, October 22-24 and Collier Seminole SP, December 10-13. We have 6 campsites at HH and 5 at CS.
- A spring 2022 trip is being considered for late April to the Salt Lake WMA in Brevard with Bryan.

8. Plant Sale – October 9-10 (tentative)

- USF Botanical Gardens hopes to do the full festival this fall. If so, we are paid and registered already. If not, we hope to do a one- day sale like April.
- We will continue to keep most plants on the ground and use tables only for checkout, handouts and books, and possibly, for small plants that could be trampled.
- We will ask Steve Farnsworth if he wants to bring trees for a 2-day festival.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the **June newsletter should be sent by May 25.**
- The board discussed taking advertisements in the newsletter. We decided that we will not solicit paid advertising but will continue to feature native nurseries and businesses in the newsletter as part of stories and articles relevant to our educational mission.

Action Items:

Virginia: Create link for next meeting and send to Tina. Confirm USF speaker and trip.

Niki: membership for Jeannie Mounger **Tina:** Check on Salt Lake camping. **Lettuce Lake Tuesday, May 18, with Janet and Virginia**

Steve: Check on possibility of Upper Tampa Bay Park trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, SNPS secretary