

Friends of GTMNERR

Minutes of Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Members present:

Daryl LaBello,
Joe Hutnan,
Carl Hampp,
Sheryl Aycock-Anderson,
Pierre Pierce,
Bill Coleman,
Gail L. Hankinson,
Steve Harrison,

Staff Present

Katie Flynn,
Ken Berk
Janet Zimmerman,

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:12 p.m.
- II. Minutes approval
 - Motion made to approve.
 - Seconded.
 - Approved.
 - o Need to amend that Bill and Carl will head Grand Opening Committee.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - Check needs to be written in the amount of \$30,987.27 for EEC to Acon Construction.
 - Steve is going to find out about writing a check off the money market.
- IV. Website
 - 2004 Stats 13502 unique visits.
 - 2005 Jan-April 12 5975 unique visits.
 - Volunteer area is being updated.
 - Contact emails to be sent to reserve personnel.
- V. Nature Store Update
 - Steve is resigning as chair of Nature Store Committee.
 - Carl mentioned it might be time to hire a Nature Store manager.
 - Ken mentioned the Friends Group cannot hire employees and neither can he.
 - We could outsource this to an outside company.
 - Volunteer can staff the part-time sales, but a company needs to employ the fulltime services.
 - Ken is looking into using DEP money to cover cost instead of Friends money.
 - Nature Store must be ready to open by Sept. 24.
 - Need to get someone ASAP.
 - Going to check with Lighthouse Store operator for information.

- Katie is going to take the staff lead in looking for volunteers.
- VI. Mass Mail-Out Update
 - Mass mailing to residents went out.
 - Business mail has not gone out yet.
 - o Needs additional \$102
 - o Gail made motion to approve funds
 - Pierre Seconded
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - o Waiting on letter update from Carl.
- VII. NERR Update
 - Katie has volunteer lined up for saltwater aquariums.
 - Least tern Nesting volunteers recording information; nesting, mating, behaviors.
 - Sea Turtle patrol is starting up.
 - Road being built from Marine Land to Summer Haven.
 - o Have full time turtle person to identify nest and decide on relocation.
 - o Sand gets trucked in and blows into estuary filling it up!
 - Janet spoke to Jacksonville Fly-Fishing organization. They have made a \$150 donation, with more to come.
 - David Lambert will donate a half-day fly-fishing clinic and several copies of his book, to help raise money for the Friends Group. Need to limit the size of group.
 - Plan on a day in June 2nd to 4th week, a Saturday.
 - Final plans can be made at May meeting.
 - Steve recommended we plan on Saturday June 18th and sell it as a Father's day gift.
- VIII. Next Meeting May 10 at Guana EEC.
- IX. Meeting adjourned 6:01pm.