

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

October 16, 2019 – 5:00 pm, Bob Evans, Seffner

The meeting began at 5 pm: Virginia, Tina, Shirley, Mike and Barbara Fite attending.

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

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs (via email)

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members.
- Niki will continue to work on the chapter name problem. She will renew with the new names starting next year.
- A final fall plant sale report is not ready until all expenses have been paid.

3. Grants and Expenditures:

- FANN had asked for support for their brochure but did not respond to an email.
- Virginia made a motion "That Suncoast present a check for \$100.00 to JoAnn Hoffman for her work providing club meeting facilities." This was approved by an email vote and will be presented at the October meeting.
- Virginia made a motion: "That Suncoast not enter a statewide fund for emergency relief but will handle its own emergencies and donate to other chapters on a case by case basis." A vote was taken by email and the wording was approved.
- The Board agreed to reimburse Troy for gas and hours on the plant sale.
- The Board agreed to fund an out-of-town speaker for the July 15 meeting with expenses and additional reimbursement.

4. PR Report: October is Native Plant Month. Our activities included a plant walk, camping and field trips, meeting and plant sale.

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- Lettuce Lake walk November 2. Native Plant Walks in 2020 will be on the first Saturday of each month except July, August and December.
- Chris Kiddy has asked Suncoast NPS to participate in the Hiking Spree Kickoff Party at Upper Tampa Bay Park. Tina will bring promotional materials and man a table and is looking for someone to lead a native plant walk. The event is November 9, from 9 am to 1 pm.
- Benito Middle School Junior National Honor Society will be volunteering at Lettuce Lake on December 14. Joel and Tina are coordinating.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet

- November 20- Seffner Extension Office, Niki Cribbs, on gopher tortoises. Tina will bring the computer.
- December 7- Holiday Party at Brooker Creek Preserve. Tina will bring sliced ham and/or turkey and condiments for the Suncoast contribution.
- January 15- Seffner Extension Office, Keying Workshop. We will need volunteers to lead exercises in keying (Shirley, Niki, Carmen, Steve, Luanna P are all possibilities). Also needed are copies of the Wunderlin books and loupes.
- February 19- John Miller on Florida Geology at Seminole Heights. Tina will need to sign-in and set up for this event.
- March 18- Troy Springer at Seminole Heights Library.
- April and May in Seffner, June at Seminole Heights.

- We are hosting the joint meeting on July 15 for SNPS, Sierra and Tampa Audubon. Virginia will contact Roger Hammer and/or Ginny Stibolt as possible speakers. We need to check facility availability also. The board would like to reinstitute the silent plant auction for this meeting.
- The Seminole Heights Library will not be available in January, April, July or October.
- JoAnn will be retiring sometime in the next few years. Virginia will inquire about using the Extension Office after that. Tina will look into library spaces in East Hillsborough.

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

- October 25-27- Tillis Hill Camping. Citrus Tract of Withlacoochee SF. Day hikes on Saturday and Sunday. John Miller will lead Sunday in the Dames Cave area.
- November 23- Rhodine Scrub Preserve (Shirley)
- Suggested trips for 2020 : January, Lettuce Lake, ask Steve about February, Blackwater Creek, Colt Creek and /or Anuteliga Hammock in spring, HRSP in May or June after burning (check with Brian Pinson)

8. Election of Officers:

- In January
- Needs to be announced in the newsletter
- Need a nominating committee before the meeting
- Virginia, Tina, Niki. Mike and Shirley have stated their interest in remaining at their present positions

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the November newsletter should be sent by October 25.

Action Items:

Virginia:

- Check on availability of Ginny Stibolt and/or Roger Hammer for July 2020. Book speakers for meetings.
- Reserve Seminole Heights Library for future meetings, as needed.

Niki:

- Organization name changes.
- Plant sale report

Tina:

- SNPS table on November 9

Shirley:

- Review by-laws for possible revisions and for compliance with FNPS Handbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be November 20 at 5 pm, Bob Evans in Seffner.

Tina Patterson, secretary