

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

August 16, 2017 , Beef O'Brady's Seffner

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm : Donna, Virginia, Gar, Tina attending;

1. Minutes: The July minutes were approved.

The next board meeting will be at 4 pm on September 20 at Beef O'Brady's.

Donna resigns from the board effective September 1.

Donna will provide a list of passwords for Facebook, Website, Meetup and FNPS website. Each person should be responsible for publicity and/or announcements of events they plan.

2. Treasurer's Report : Gar

- The treasurer's report for July was approved by the board.
- We should receive membership money from FNPS this month.
- Virginia will buy a gift certificate for the Extension center at Sweet Bay.

3. PR Report: Andy – not able to attend

4. Gardens and Outreach:

- The next walk at Lettuce Lake is August 26. Tina will print a flyer to put up in the visitor center.

5. Membership Meetings/Speakers:

- 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!” Virginia will give Donna's presentation.
- Oct 18 – Alan Franck on medicinal plants; afanck@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 has reserved pavilion 10 for our group. Start sign-ups at October meeting.
- Virginia has some names and ideas for speakers next year.

6. Field Trips/Campouts:

- Aug 19 –Sweet Bay nursery buying trip with breakfast at Butterfields in Parrish. Tina will notify Sweet Bay of our visit. Sweet Bay is open from 9 to 2 on Saturday.
- Sep 23 –Rock Ponds Restoration Project. Andy has coordinated with SWFMD and Joel Brown. Steve will handle sign-ups from our group. Donna has the field trip on Meetup.
- 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. Tina asked about making contact with park or local FNPS members for a plant guide. Donna reported only two sign-ups and said wait until September to decide. We may cancel.
- Nov 18 – Shirley has offered to plan this trip
- Dec 9- holiday party; Lettuce Lake, 11 am – 3 pm, picnic and walk. Start sign-ups in October.

7. Plant Sale:

- Gar is meeting with Troy next week on ordering plants.

- **Gar** has been collecting ideas on what to order for the plant sale. It was suggested we set up the tables with plants that are grouped together in our landscaping brochure and that we try to have more of those plants for sale. Donna sent him an example from another chapter that shows how they arrange their tables.
- **Gar** has a sign-up sheet for tonight's meeting and will be locating and contacting volunteers.

Action Items:

Donna:

- Get presentation to Virginia.
- Pass on codes, passwords and any other information or records to board.

Virginia :

- Confirm speakers for remainder of year and obtain bios and talk summaries from them.
- Begin looking for speakers for January and February of 2018.
- Buy gift certificate for the Extension Center.
- Prepare September meeting.

Gar:

- Continue planning for plant sale in October.
- Meet with Troy to order plants.
- Get volunteers for plant sale.

Tina:

- Manage Lettuce Lake Meetups for remainder of the year.
- Sign-up and planning for the holiday party.

Andy:

- Publicize chapter events and activities. Post events on our Facebook page.

The next board meeting will be **Wednesday, September 20, at 4 pm at Beef O'Brady's on MLK in Seffner.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Tina Patterson , secretary