

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

September 20, 2017 , Beef O'Brady's , Seffner

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

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

Virginia cannot attend an October 18 board meeting. We will ask Gar if he would like a meeting before the plant sale.

**2. Treasurer's Report :** Gar sent in his report as he was unable to attend.

- The treasurer's report for August was approved by the board.
- Virginia will ask Gar if we can give JoAnn a check for \$50 in thanks for the use of the Extension Center. JoAnn will use it to buy plants for the center in the spring.
- Virginia suggests we keep looking for a reliable laptop with PowerPoint .

**3. PR Report: Andy**

- Received a copy of the City of Tampa proclamation naming October "Native Plant Month" and will show at tonight's meeting.
- Andy will continue to advertise the date change of the BOCC proclamation to October 18.
- Andy has invited Quala and Coke to the Rock Ponds field trip.
- October 11 is the kick-off event for the Soil and Water Conservation District campaign. Andy will attend.

**4. Gardens and Outreach: Tina**

- The next walk at Lettuce Lake is September 30. Tina will print a flyer to put up in the visitor center.
- The October 21 Lettuce Lake walk is not on MeetUp. Can Virginia get the event copied to that date ?
- Tina will check with Janet on dates for HCC workdays.
- Terrace Community Middle School has requested grant information. Tina will send the information to them from the website. The board agreed that someone should visit the site before approving another grant.
- Grant applications list an email of [Suncoastnps@gmail.com](mailto:Suncoastnps@gmail.com). Who is getting these emails ?

**5. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia**

- 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](mailto:afanck@mail.usf.edu) ; Virginia will ask him if he wants an honorarium. She has his talk summary and information and will send to Janet 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 and will start sign-ups at October meeting.
- Virginia has some names and ideas for speakers to use next year.

**6. Field Trips/Campouts:**

- Sep 23 –Rock Ponds Restoration Project. Andy checked to see if the area was accessible and was told there should be no problem. Steve will talk about it at the meeting and an email was sent out.
- Fall Plant Sale is October 13, 14 and 15. Pass around sign-up again tonight.
- October 27, 28 and 29 – camping trip to Myakka River State Park, reserving campsites at Old Prairie camping area. No new information.

- 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. We may invite Nature Coast to participate also.

## 7. New Business

- The board voted to appoint Virginia Overstreet as the new Council of Chapters representative. This allows her to attend the November 4 meeting in Brevard County. The position will be put up for a membership vote at the November meeting but Virginia would like to do this.
- We discussed the by-laws which state that the board must have a minimum of 4 members. If we do not get replacements for Gar and Donna in November, what happens to the chapter ?

### Action Items:

#### Virginia :

- Confirm speakers for remainder of year and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Check with Alan on honorarium.
- Begin looking for speakers for 2018.
- Put Lettuce Lake October 21 walk on MeetUp.
- Get information about Council of Chapters.

#### Gar:

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

#### Tina:

- Make contacts and communications with those listed in minutes.
- 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 **determined after discussing with Gar.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Tina Patterson , secretary