

**Suncoast Native Plant Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Date: November 17, 2009**

**Board Members**

Present: Troy Springer,  
Bob Upcavage,  
Kristina Herz,  
Daphne Lambright,  
Shirley Denton,  
Ron Chicone, and  
Shawna Everidge

Absent:

Quorum present? Yes

Other Present?

- Meeting called to order by President Troy Springer at 7:10pm
- October minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously

**Treasurer's report** submitted by Daphne Lambright

Savings Account	4000
Cash in Bank	4252.76
CD with Sun Trust	6427.61
Petty Cash	40
Total	<hr/> 14720.37

**Reports and Committees**

1. Outreach
  - a. Exotic pet amnesty day at Busch Gardens – Troy and Shawna educated people about exotic, invasive plant species
2. SWFWMD Study
  - a. Ron went to do *Chrysopsis floridana* study. Bok Tower wants to determine if *Chrysopsis floridana* hybridizes with another five *Chrysopsis* sp. Bok towers needs seeds from other species to do this study. Shirley is concerned that naturally, some *Chrysopsis* sp. do not grow in the same geographic area and such a study may be artificially hybridizing species that should not be growing naturally together. Such activities could affect the gene pool of a sensitive species. FNPS would like to help Bok Towers, however we require a showing of responsible science and control of genes prior to providing help.
  - b. Bok Towers is asking for continuing support with sampling events for SWFWMD *Chrysopsis* study in the future.
  - c. A potential future study could include studying impacts on plants, wildlife, and habitats of land managed for cattle grazing. SWFWMD has

political pressure to manage land for cattle and study would be important to support SWFWMD's public interests. Ron would like assistance researching previous studies and potentially conduct studies on SWFWMD land to bring the science to a SWFWMD board meeting.

1. Old Business

a. Nominating Committee

- i. Two new potential board members – Fred Mulholland, Gail Parsons
- ii. Elections are at tomorrow's general meeting
- iii. Troy will be asking for additional nominations on the floor at the general meeting.

b. 2012 FNPS Conference

- i. Troy gave Karina the official notice that SNPS would like to host the 2012 conference. The two cohosting chapters would be Nature Coast and Hernando. Troy would recommend that the chairman for the conference would come from SNPS rather than the cohosting chapters.
  1. Hosting the conference should be addressed again at a general SNPS meeting in the future.

c. Supplies

- i. Troy wants approval to purchase boxes for SNPS brochures other than the cardboard boxes and a new lock for the storage unit.
- ii. Daphne moved that we buy plastic boxes at Staples to get points to take cost off printing the newsletter. Shirley seconded the motion. Daphne will give Troy the Staples Card and the Tax Exempt card for purchasing and he will be reimbursed for the price of the supplies.

d. Speakers

- i. Tomorrow's speaker is speaking about Caladesi Island.

2. New Business

a. December Social

- i. Troy proposed having a general member meeting/social in December. After consideration by the BOD, we decided that December is a very inconvenient time for most members, especially because attending someone's home in the dark hours of night may be challenging for members. Late March or Early April may be a better time for a social with the members. There will be no general meeting in December.

b. BOD transition meeting will be in January with both the old and new BOD. The transition meeting should be the week prior to the general meeting to put the BOD back on its normal schedule.

c. Recap of year

- i. Meeting minutes should be posted on the website after approval by the BOD and a small note should be included in the newsletter to inform members of BOD activities

- ii. Troy thanked all BOD for their hard work this year.
- iii. Daphne volunteered to complete a draft budget for 2010 to have ready for January. Shirley recommended that in the future we ask the general membership for ideas for activities in the future year.
- iv. Daphne noted that future events are a great idea, and there should be multiple events to accommodate all interests of our diverse members.
- v. Shirley reminded us of Daphne's idea to design a chapter t-shirt. Ron mentioned that the quality and cut of the t-shirt is extremely important as well. Daphne suggested using an organic material to support environmental causes.

There will be no meeting in December. The next board meeting will be in January held at a place yet to be determined.

Kristina motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Troy seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.