

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, June 13, 2018
Donald MacDonald Park

Attendees: Bill Brennan, Tim Glover, Judy Grabenbauer, Jane Schnee, Bruce Zingman
Guest: Holly Dill

Meeting called to order by Glover at 5:05pm

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, May 8, 2018: motion to approve by Brennan, second by Schnee, approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Brennan reported liabilities & equity of \$4945.52. Motion by Schnee to accept report for audit, second by Grabenbauer, approved unanimously. Brennan also reported that FSSR p.o. box has been renewed for \$70.

President's Report: St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park held Management Plan update on June 6, 2018. A few infrastructure/amenity improvements noted. IR County Commission approved text improvements to Comprehensive Plan, re. septic to sewer conversions, on June 12, 2018. Glover attended Commission meeting to represent the FSSR and relayed new direction by County staff on septic issue. City of Sebastian approved stormwater fee increase from \$5/ to \$10/month at meeting on May 9, 2018. IRLNEP small grant application – applicants won't hear anything until after IRLNEP Board of Directors meeting on July 13, 2018

Committee Reports:

Invasive species: Schnee announced that IR County does not have plans for any more herbicide work at the "Denton" trail adjacent to CR512. Facility may now be under jurisdiction of County Road & Bridge.

Publicity: Dill reports increasing "likes" on Facebook. She has added a few links to pages we've "liked."

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Programs: need suggestions, perhaps a "pretty" presentation at one meeting this winter; Glover suggested Virginia Barker, Director, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Dept.
- 2) SSR research/info project – no progress
- 3) Debris blockage, North Prong, SSR – Glover spoke with Dylan Gavagni at SSRPSP Mgmt Plan review meeting. Gavagni knows of issue and location. Says lots of trees uprooted which has caused change of flow/hydrology of river. Not an easy/quick fix with volunteers.
- 4) Brennan FSSR goals – combined into Board retreat in November
- 5) Agenda/minutes posted to FSSR website – no progress
- 6) Board retreat, Nov, 2018 – Glover to check on recommendations of consultant Cathy Allen for venue requirements. May host at Glover's home. Tentative for Nov. 10, 2018
- 7) New aerial map of river – Glover to coordinate with Brennan and possibly P. Lester with IRC
- 8) Updated FSSR brochure – Glover shared options for 20#, 24#, 28# papers with various printing options. Suggestion to remove specific meeting dates and agreed to go with in-house production using Staples, 100% post-consumer waste recycled 24# paper.
- 9) D & O liability insurance quote – no response from FSSR broker yet.
- 10) Schnee reports City of Sebastian Natural Resources Board to meet July 3, 6pm to discuss. FSSR, PIAS, FNPS local chapter/J. Broda working on this.
- 11) Gopher tortoise signs ordered – max of 5 signs in one order, SSRPSP wants 4 signs, fifth to be shared with Kim Jones/City of Sebastian. Delivery cost to be paid by FSSR ~ \$15.
- 12) Library meeting room rules – complete
- 13) Corrigan partnership – Honey Minuse coordinating meeting
- 14) Micco Stormwater park grand opening June 27, 10am – Glover, et. al., to attend
- 15) Garage sale date – complete, set for Feb 16, 2019

New Business

- 1) SJRWMD permits – Emerald Lakes – core sampling, located in vicinity of new I-95/Micco Road interchange; Cypress Bay Farms, Babcock Road, across from Waterstone – 5-year extension;
- 2) ACOE permits – none
- 3) FSSR member Dave Case wants to host regular river cleanup work days. FSSR concerned about liability/injury. We will support his effort if he goes forward, with once-a-month support of supplies/water for volunteers/announce on web & Facebook.
- 4) Mark Loyacano to provide microscope to show microplastics at future meetings. Glover to check on method to display cellphone display on screen at meetings.
- 5) Invasive plant/citizen request for help – FSSR contacted by P. Wensinger who resides at Sebastian River Landings for help with Brazilian pepper. Glover/Schnee unable to coordinate yard visit and work. No returned call – closed.
- 6) SJRWMD South Rec Lands meeting, June 21, SJRWMD Office, Palm Bay
- 7) Renewal reminder received for the kids National Geographic magazine FSSR provides to Sebastian Elementary School. Total cost dependent on number request from teacher. Motion by Grabenbauer, seconded by Brennan to renew up to \$150.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Glover

Next Board of Directors meeting, July 10, 4pm Donald MacDonald Park