

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 at Dale Wimbrow Park

CALL TO ORDER--President Tim Glover called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA--None.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Bill, that we approve of and dispense with the reading of the previous meetings' Minutes. All voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT--Diana made a motion, seconded by Bill, that the report be accepted as is (pp. 5-7 Feb. 2020 agenda packet) and filed for audit. Approved unanimously.

DIRECTORS PRESENT--Tim Glover (president/treasurer), Buzz Herrmann (vice-president; Carol Lynn Peterson (secretary), Diana Bolton, Julia Held, Lee Ann Kluepfel, Bill Brennan, Mark Bondy, Bruce Sabol, Bob Stephen, Bruce Zingman, & Dr. Graham Cox (advisor).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--Tim agreed to remain president and also take over as treasurer on a temporary basis; Buzz Herrmann agreed to remain vice-president; and Carol Lynn Peterson volunteered to be the new secretary. Mark made a motion, seconded by Bill, that the new slate of officers be accepted. All voted in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--

- 1) IRC/Powell-Ryan home office, MOU--Tim explained that Beth Powell (Conservation Lands Manager) hopes to get the details for our agreement to the IR County Attorney soon—perhaps this week—to draft the MOU.
- 2) Strategic plan progress/Committee reports--on hold.
- 3) Dr. Grant Gilmore EPA petition for endangered status listing of fish species—not filed yet (perhaps in the next month or so). Details to be shared with us soon.
- 4) Letter of support for ORCA Kilroy Funding...Tim explained that this needs to be submitted to local legislators to approve proposed budget of \$325,000.

NEW BUSINESS--

* * 1) Missy Weiss from ORCA actually began the meeting as guest speaker.

She encouraged us to participate again on October 8th in Sea a Difference--A Day in the Life of the IRL 2020. Local charter school students might be a good choice to do shore-based sampling. She then showed us colored maps of local areas, including the Moorings and the areas between the Barber and Alma Lee Loy Bridges, that read like weather maps and indicated where pollution sources were the most concentrated. Due to best management Audubon-certified practices, the golf courses at the Moorings and Vero Beach Country Club showed relatively low levels of phosphorus and nitrogen. Since our group is especially concerned with reducing pollutants in the SSR, she suggested that we try engaging young people in helping to take samples as we begin our own density mapping of water pollution sources. A rough estimate for a one-time comprehensive set of tests, similar to those done by ORCA in other areas of the IRL, is \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the entire St. Sebastian River.

- 2) IRLNEP Small Grant Application...Tim reviewed the contents of the packet regarding natural weed

killers and safe devices for applying herbicides, even under windy conditions, that we might consider in our grant application. He will also speak to the owners at Kashi to see what practices they employ.

3) Kashi “Healing Waters Fund Raiser Concert,” Feb. 15, 12-4:30 p.m.--Diana and Bob will attend.

4) SJRWMD Southern Rec. Lands meeting, Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m., Palm Bay Office, 525 Community College Pkwy SE--informational meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS--

ADVOCACY-Hermann

~ SJRWMD permits-no report.

~ACOE permits-no report

____~City of Sebastian Comp. Plan Review--Dr. Graham Cox spoke to the subject, as did Bob Stephen, who underscored the fact that local waterways are not being kept clean and that enforcement of pollution control is non-existent. Tim stressed that we need to start writing letters to those in charge. This matter will continue to be dealt with by the Advocacy Committee.

~IR Neighborhood Association Luncheon, Feb. 13, 11:30 a.m., Woody’s Barbecue—Buzz encouraged everyone to attend.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH-Bolton/Stephen

~General Meeting in March--of the available listed options, Tim recommended that we show the FL Today/Jim Waymer IRL 2016 documentary.

~Friends of the North IRC Library membership-Buzz made a motion, seconded by Diana that we become members. All voted in favor.

~Earth Day shirts--Tim will order a selection in different sizes.

~Finger puppets--on order and due to arrive shortly.

FINANCIAL-Brennan/Kluepfel (ref. p. 21, Feb. 2020 agenda packet).

GOVERNANCE-Hermann-ref. annual Meeting Minutes (p. 4, Feb. 2020 agenda packet).

INFORMATION-Glover-ref. Volunteer Committee report (pp. 21-22, Feb. 2020 agenda packet).

MEMBERSHIP-vacant.

PUBLICITY-Vacant.

VOLUNTEER-Erin Fagan-(pp. 22-23, Feb. 2020 agenda packet). Still seeking volunteers to work the Pelican Island Wildlife Festival, March 7, 10-4. We may also be able to set up a social event with Kashi.

NEXT MEETING-MARCH 10, 2020, 4 p.m. at DMD Park

ADJOURNMENT- Buzz made a motion, seconded by Mark, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

FSSR Secretary

Carol Lynn Peterson