

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 at 4PM on Google Meet

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. In attendance were Herrmann(vice-pres.), Greene(treasurer), Peterson(secretary), and directors Bolton, Held, Sabol(left early), Stephen, and Zingman. Dr. Graham Cox also joined.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA--None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(pp.2-3AP)--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that the Minutes from the April 13th meeting be approved--passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT(pp.4-11AP)--Tim reported that we lost \$1000 in April from our accounts due to the presentation of two scholarships. Bob made a motion, seconded by Diana, that the treasurer's report be accepted for audit; all voted in approval.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--Ryall house/office(pp.12-18AP)--Tim reported that Terry did research on possible lock systems to be used once we take possession of the house as our office; a decision has yet to be made. Tim then showed online photos of the house, both inside and out, and surrounding property. Tim will meet again soon with Beth Powell re reciprocity agreement with the county, whereby we may bring in our own guests to occupy upstairs area in addition to those sanctioned by the county, such as AmeriCorps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

~Invasive Plant project/FLEPPC-Kathy Craddock Burks grant--workshop and trail walks completed. New pics for Invasive Plant brochure and logos still in hands of Bob Montanaro. Minuteman Press will not honor original estimate; cost for printing 5000 copies is approx. \$1500; consequently, we may choose to allow the Sheriff's Dept. to run them off for us for free, as long as we provide our own paper.

~Manatee deaths(pp.19-28AP)--prolonged discussion ensued on this topic. Save the Manatee Club provided us with extensive info. Tim will draft a letter to the city of Sebastian, voicing our concerns. Info was also solicited from Earthjustice, from whom we did not hear back. It was agreed that we should modify and update the cards that are handed out to owners along the SSR with info on how to access canal spraying dates and other protective info.

NEW BUSINESS--Membership Program update(pp.29-35AP)--After lengthy discussion, it was decided that we should eliminate donation levels, with corresponding benefits, in favor of a new approach. Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that members donate whatever they choose in support of our mission statement, and for a minimum level of \$15, will receive the printed copy of our newsletter. The Student category will remain as is. All voted in favor; Terry suggested that we re-visit this subject again at the June BOD meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy--Herrmann

SJRWMD--no report

ACOE permits--no report

Letters written--

CLP wrote letters of appreciation to Janice Broda, the BCC of Indian River County (incl. Brown and Burke), and Sebastian City Council members Griffin and Carlisle. Tim will also send thank you letters to Sherry Shipley and Kathy Wegel for choosing the two George Schum scholarship recipients.

Education/Outreach--Bolton/Stephen

“Planting a Refuge for Wildlife” booklet--no update

Financial--Greene

~Fl. Dept. of State annual corporate filing updated/completed

~Earth Day sales--\$401 in sales, \$197 in costs--52% profit

~Misc.--new tree planted in D.W. Park is thriving; several member renewals in April, web domain renewed; \$50 donation to ELC; American Rivers renewed

Governance--Herrmann

Information--Glover, website update--new trail tours pages-[www.fssr.org/tours.htm](http://www.fssr.org/tours.htm)--no changes/still in process

Membership--Herrmann

Publicity--Held, Facebook stats:

~252 visits

~47 engagements

~28 new page likes

~10 posts in last 28 days

Volunteer--vacant. Tim reported that we may have a new volunteer from the Sebastian Inlet.

Adjournment--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Bob, that we adjourn the meeting at 5:32 PM. All voted in favor.

\*\*Next BOD meeting--June 8, 4 PM on Google Meet

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lynn Peterson  
Secretary, FSSR