

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 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, Bondy, Stephen, and Zingman. Dr. Graham Cox also attended.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA--Buzz and Diana/Bob have additions to make.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(pp.2-3AP)--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Mark, that the Minutes from the May 11th meeting be approved--passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT(pp.4-8AP)--Tim noted that there was no PayPal activity for the past month. Diana made a motion, seconded by Mark, that the report be accepted for audit; all voted in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--Ryall house/office, door lock-Tim will meet on June 9th with Beth Powell to firm up plans regarding our agreement to take possession of Ryall House in early October.
-In lieu of his monthly donation to FSSR, Tim spent \$170 on an ULTRALQ for Ryall House.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1)Invasive plant project/FLEPPC-Kathy Craddock Burks grant-brochure printing (pp.9-10AP)- Tim provided the final report to FLEPPC. We will use the services of the County Sheriff's Dept. to print 5000 copies (2-sided) of our new brochure. We will provide the paper needed.

2)Manatee deaths, coalition sign-on letter, press release June 8, etc.(pp.11-25AP)-As noted, we signed onto the letter calling for action to restore the Lagoon sent to Gov. DeSantis. Tim received no word in return from Earthjustice. We did hear from the Center for Biological Diversity. Today, June 8th, is World Oceans Day. Discussion ensued as to whether we should become members of the Marine Resources Council and whether we should donate to Save the Manatee Club. No action taken.

3)Membership Program update and Bylaws amendment(pp.26-33AP)

-Article III (Membership) was the chief topic of discussion. Buzz made a motion, seconded by Diana, that we make changes to our membership program and the accompanying Bylaws.

All voted in favor, except for Terry, who was opposed.

Buzz and Tim will create a detailed letter to be shared at the July BOD meeting and to be voted on by the Executive Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Dr. Grant Gilmore endangered fish species petition sign-on request(pp.34-45AP)—we agreed to sign on to Dr. Gilmore's petition listing 9 native fishes in three FL rivers as endangered, including the SSR.

2)Laura Moss, IRC-BCC, request support for IRC updated hydrological survey(pp.46-54AP)-tabled.

3)USPS PO box renewal, \$118/year, due June 30th--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Bob, that we renew the PO box. All voted in favor.

4)Agenda addition--the question arose as to whether we should conduct our own water sampling event as part of the "A Day in the Life" program, in the River. Diana and Bob will explore topic with Missy

Weiss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy--Herrmann

SJRWMD permits(p.55,AP)

ACOE permits(p.55,AP)

Lead sampling at bridge with Press Journal--Bruce Sabol absent from meeting to comment. Buzz suggested that we reimburse Bruce for his expenses once we know the amount.

Education/Outreach--Bolton/Stephen

“Planting a Refuge for Wildlife” booklet--no update. Diana will research the subject for us.

Two agenda additions--1)the North County Library in Sebastian will be open again in October for group meetings. 2)Diana then brought up the possibility of ordering two microscopes to take fresh water samples of possible neurotoxic algae, the results of which would then be sent immediately to NOAA. Buzz advised her to write up a proposal to be presented at the July BOD meeting; she agreed.

Financial--Greene, Sebastian River Art Club donation of \$100(p.56,AP)--a thank you note to president Donna Ware is pending.

Governance--Herrmann

Agenda addition--Buzz and Tim will write two letters to Sebastian City Council--1) letter expressing our opposition to use of herbicides in local canals other than those recommended by the Integrated Pest Management Plan 2)Letter asking for update on Graves Bros. annexation

Information-Glover, website update--new trail tours pages-www.fssr.org/tours.htm, no changes/still in process.

Membership--Herrmann, give-away item(pp.57-58AP)--two items under consideration--

1) bookmark with FSSR pic and quotes 2)mini wallet bag

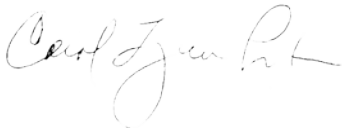
Publicity--Held, Facebook stats--Julia not in attendance to give report

Volunteer--vacant

Adjournment--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that we adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM. All voted in favor.

**Next BOD meeting--July 13, 4PM on Google Meet

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson
Secretary, FSSR