

Whiskey Creek Civic Association Board Meeting

March 8, 2017

President Kate Gooderham opened the meeting at 7PM. Board members present were: Karen Tice, Ron Frazer, Bernie Lamach, Paul Matter, Lee Chasse, Jim McCabe and Jeanne McCafferty. Absent and excused was Dennis Rodgers. Kate welcomed the residents and explained that she was elected President at the February Annual Board and Officers meeting. She then asked the Board members to introduce themselves

Before starting the program, Kate asked Bernie to approach the front. Kate said that we have been blessed to have Bernie as President for five years. It will be tough shoes to fill and she will try hard to do it. On behalf of the Board, she presented Bernie with a Resolution thanking him for all his hard work. Bernie said "it was a labor of love and he enjoyed doing it" Pictures were taken.

Kate announced that she had several appointments to make. She appointed Abby Myer as Chair of the Whiskey Creek News Distribution. Kate thanked her for taking on this challenge. She appointed and thanked Eric Eason for agreeing to Chair the Yard Committee Now that we have all our Chairmanship positions filled, we are ready to start an exciting new year. Kate mentioned that we will be having a Board Planning Meeting at the May meeting. We did this last year and it was very successful.

Kate then introduced Missy Fox of CROW. Missy's slide presentation took us from CROW's beginning in 1958. It is a 12 acre facility with a huge state of the art hospital and sea turtle hospital facilities as well as a visitor's center. Students come from all over the world staying from 3 to 6 months in student housing to learn about caring for injured wildlife. They have many volunteers who help out in a variety of ways.

The slide showed and explained how the staff cared and rehabilitated sea turtles, tortoises, loggerhead hatchings, red shoulder hawks, pelicans, blue herons, owls and even turkey vultures. Our famously known eagle, Ozzie and eaglet E-7, were treated at CROW. Missy and a co-worker were responsible for finding E-7 after a week's search after E-7 was knocked out of the nest by a Great Horned Owl. Questions and answers followed. Missy commented that the Center does presentations at 11:00 am and 2 pm. Tours are also offered. It is best to check their web-site. Kate thanked Missy for her presentation.

Citizens' Comments

It was asked if discussion on a social committee was on the agenda. Kate is to add to April's meeting. A resident commented on low plane flights over Whiskey Creek Bernie said that Whiskey Creek does not have a program with Page Field Airport. It was discussed and several persons will call their sources for more information. This is to be added to agenda for next month.

Secretary's Report

Jeanne stated that the minutes of the February Board meeting were emailed to the Board members. She did amend the minutes by closing the business meeting and then she reopened under a separate Board officers' meeting with minutes. This was also emailed to the Board members. Bernie moved to accept the Secretary's minutes. It was seconded by Lee. Seeing no opposition, the motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Karen read the Profit & Loss Statement. Total income was \$10,100.00. Total expenses were \$6,296.69 with a net income of \$3,813.31. Jeanne moved to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Paul. With no opposition, the motion passed.

Committee Reports Updates

Karen read that as of February 28, 2017 a total of 413 families had joined or renewed their membership in their membership in the Association for 2017. This total included 14 families enrolled for the first time. A total of \$10,325.00 has been received, with no sales of Whiskey Creek license plates. She also asked for help to shred old membership letters. Jim McCabe will be doing that.

Deed Restrictions

In Dennis's absence, Kate said she will talk about it under New Business

News Distribution

Abby had nothing to report. Kate congratulated Abby and thanked her for volunteering. Bernie said that he has requested a large scale map of Whiskey Creek outlining the zones and each home in Whiskey Creek. He will get it to her once he receives it. Jeanne said that she has revised most of the names of the volunteers in the 5 areas. The slots are almost all filled. She will give her the lists after the meeting.

Yard Committee

Eric Eason reported that Ms Victoria Wolfe was happy to accept the yard of the month award for her home at 5726 Montilla Drive

Old Business

Kate read Dennis' up to date report relating to the status of our efforts to get a bill passed in both chambers of the Florida Legislature and signed into law in this current 2017 session. This bill will provide the authority for us to revitalize our restrictions which have been rendered unenforceable by the Marketable Record Title Act (MRTA) which became law a number of years ago. It affected our restrictions after thirty years had passed since their recording.

Senator Passidomo has filed SB1046 in the Senate incorporating the revitalization language our attorney, Yeline Goin, had previously drafted for us. A corresponding effort is in the works in the House to add the necessary language to HB735 which was previously filed. Those efforts are being led by Representative Fitzenhagen. He understands from her Legislative Assistant, Eddie Metzger, that the amendment will take place in her Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee. Dennis will continue to follow the progress of these bills.

New Business

Board members issues and comments

Ron said that because we had a mild winter and no freezes, we have seen more water hyacinths, which is an invasive plant, on Lake Champagne. The Water Hyacinth District, which is listed as a cost on our tax statement has received numerous calls from people on the Lake. It is not an overabundance, it is a problem, it is an issue and we need to keep an eye on it. Their main concern is that they have no way to get into the Lake with their large air-boat. There is no ramp into the Lake. Ron asked that nothing be done until they are able to remove the manatee which was stranded in the Lake for 5 months. The manatee was recently taken to a boat ramp at a nearby park and carried in a sling by volunteers and walked to the water and released. Ron informed the Water Hyacinth District of the manatee's release and asked for some kind of action. They suggested that a lake that size (38 acres) needs to be monitored on a quarterly basis. They recommended calling the "Lake Doctor". Ron is awaiting a return call from them. They do a free estimate and evaluation. With the Board's permission, he would like to move forward and take them out on the pontoon boat from one end of the lake to the other and let them evaluate the situation with the hyacinths, as well as take some samples and do a report. All this is free. The Company will make a proposal and it will be up to us to decide on course of action. Ron is to continue working on the hyacinth problem. Kate said there is no harm in getting pertinent information in order to make an informed decision. There was no objection to do so.

Bernie thanked the Board and other members of the Association for the cards and flowers that Debbie, his wife, received during and after her current illness. She is doing well and recuperating at home.

Kate asked if the Board would like to participate with the Tanglewood Association in a bicycle parade like last year. All were in agreement. Kate will contact their committee.

Upon seeing that there is no further business, Kate adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P: M

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McCafferty,
Secretary