

Friends of the GTM NERR

Minutes of Board Meeting: Tuesday April 13, 2010

Members Present:

Jonathan Katzen, Mike Timpane, Pierre Pierce, Anita Pierce, Rob Matthews, Nancy Schachnovsky, Chris Rich, Peter Difatta, Irene Kaufman

Staff Present:

Teri Webley, Janet Zimmerman, Angel Gonzalez, Angie Golubovich, Scott Eastman, Emily Montgomery

Excused Absence:

Carl Hampp, Kay Henderson, Ellyn Cavin

Guest:

Danny (Ripple Effect)

Meeting called to order at 5pm by Jonathan Katzen

November Meeting Minutes Approval by Jonathan Katzen

Pierre motioned to approve the March meeting minutes
Nancy seconded, all approved none objected, March meeting minutes approved.

Presentation of No Family Left Inside Donation by Ripple Effect Ecotours

Ripple Effect representative, Danny presented the Friends of the GTM Reserve with a check for \$400, the proceeds from tours offered during the Leave No Family Inside event. Two lake kayak tours were offered, the first was full the second $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Many of the people taking the tours were first time visitors to the GTM Research Reserve.

In addition to the donation of tour proceeds Ripple Effect donated a gift certificate for kayak tours valued at \$100 for the gift basket bringing the value of the basket to \$170. Other items in the basket were Nature Store items donate by the Friends of the GTM Reserve. All Leave No Family Inside attendees were entered in a raffle for the basket.

300 people attended the Leave No Family Inside event.

Finance Committee Report by Rob Matthews

The March finance report was passed out to Board members present.
Rob explained some of the items on the report.

The issue of recognition of corporate donations was discussed.

Finance cont.

Some suggestions were:

- Place a plaque with the donors name on any project funded with corporate donations
- Acknowledge all corporate donations on the Friends of the GTM Reserve website
- Acknowledge all corporate donations in the quarterly report
- Send all corporate donors a letter of gratitude
- List sponsors on signage at events

Some of these are already part of the donation confirmation process. Those that are not will be explored.

Nominating Committee by Rob Matthews

Tom Barry was put before the Board as a candidate for Board membership.

Some items on Tom's resume are:

- long time volunteer at the GTM Research Reserve
- graduate of the Naval Academy
- retired Navy
- member of the Friends of the GTM Reserve
- 12 years working in real estate
- full time volunteer at his church

After several invitations from Pierre to join the Board Tom was convinced by Mike Shirley to join the Board of Directors of the GTM Research Reserve. The Nominating Committee met with Tom and recommends him for Board membership

Chris motioned to appoint Tom Barry to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the GTM Reserve.

Irene seconded, all approve none opposed.

Jonathan will contact Tom Barry to set up orientation.

Jonathan will design an effective orientation for new Board members.

Rob reminded those present that there is a need for 4 more Directors in the coming year. Recommendations for Board candidates can be sent to Jonathan.

Research Reserve Report by Janet Zimmerman

The Friends of the GTM Reserve have been awarded the FLEPPC grant.

The Friends of Scenic A1A have requested time on the May agenda to discuss the results of a recent workshop they attended.

A list of volunteer projects at the Research Reserve was passed out to all present

ARC – has requested letters of support concerning the Florida Forever Project

RR cont.

Construction update:

The metal roof has been removed
Working on structural issues to bring the roof up to code
Roofing materials should arrive soon and will be installed when they arrive
When the roof is finished the AC will be repaired

Legislative Session update:

CAMA is fairing well
There is still a chance of a reduction in funding

New Committee Structure by Jonathan Katzen

Some changes to committee structure were

- Governance Committee rolled into the Executive Committee
- Nominating Committee appointed by the President
- A Personnel Committee was added, members to be appointed by the President. A job description has been developed and will be added to the Friends documents. A copy of the job description will be sent to all Board members
- Finance Committee definition has some small changes. Rob Matthews has joined that committee.
- New committees are Events, Marketing and Communication, and the Research, Education, and Stewardship Committee

The new committees list with revised staff liaisons was handed out to all present.

The question concerning Research Reserve staff joining committees was raised.

Staff participation as committee members is an option.

The job today is to identify committee chairs and members

Chris Rich will chair the Events Committee with active help from Jonathan

Committee members

Peter Difatta

Irene Kaufman

Teri Webley

Committees cont.

Irene Kaufman will chair the Marketing and Communication Committee with active help from Jonathan

Committee members
Rob Matthews

There is no chair for the Research, Education and Stewardship Committee at this time

Committee Members
Peter Difatta
Pierre Pierce
Anita Pierce

Angel will help identify volunteers that would be a good fit as committee members.

Other Business

Chris visited Nocatee, Toll Brothers, and Dell Webb to introduce the Friends of the GTM Reserve.

The Friends have been invited to do a presentation at the HOA.

Chris was given the name of a potential Board member.

Chris will share the contact information she was given with Research Reserve staff and Jonathan.

Pierre spoke about proposed signs for the beach to identify location in the event of an emergency.

Janet explained that these signs will be used as markers so callers can better identify their location when calling for emergency responders.

Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm

Mike T motioned to adjourn

Rob seconded all approved none opposed, meeting adjourned

The next Friends of the GTM Reserve Board meeting will be May 11, 2010