

## **Friends of the GTM NERR**

### **Minutes of Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2009**

#### **Members Present:**

**Pierre Pierce, Jonathan Katzen, Mike Timpane, Bill Coleman, Carl Hampp, Rob Matthews, Kay Henderson, Chris Rich, Nancy Schachnovsky, Triss Padgett, Irene Kaufman, Ellyn Cavin**

#### **Staff Present:**

Teri Webley, Mike Shirley

#### **Excused Absence:**

Peter Difatta

#### **Guests:**

Chris Kelly, Rachel Austin,

### **Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Pierre Pierce**

### **July Meeting Minutes Approval by Pierre Pierce**

Bill motioned to approve the July meeting minutes

Carl seconded, all approved none objected, July meeting minutes approved.

### **Kayak Partner Criteria by Pierre Pierce**

A draft copy of the criteria for Kayak Partnership was passed out.

Bill explained that the attorney read and approved this copy for content.

There was discussion about the some points of concern in the criteria.

Whether the criteria excludes the use of single kayaks by the partner.

(the word tandem will be removed from section 2 line b letter i )

The kayak partner may use no kayaks older than 4 yrs

Standards for equipment

Chris Kelly of Ripple Effect Ecotours explained the general standards for Kayak equipment on the market today.

A hold harmless clause

Rachel Austin of Kayak Adventures voiced reservations about some of the standards in the criteria.

Rachel was invited to submit a list of suggestions for Board consideration concerning the criteria.

There was a recommendation from the floor that the Board look into the Society of Ethical Eco Tourism.

The draft copy of the criteria will be resubmitted to the attorney with a list of suggestions.

Anyone having concerns about the criteria should send them to Teri via email.

Mike T motioned to approve the criteria as is after the attorney reviews the suggestions submitted to Teri.

Rob seconded, all approved, none opposed.

### **Nominating Committee by Carl Hampp**

Election of 09 / 10 Executive Committee

Carl named the nominees for the Executive Committee as put before the Board at the July 21, 2009 meeting.

President – Jonathan Katzen

Vice President-Nancy Schachnovsky

Secretary – Chris Rich

Treasurer-Kay Henderson

A vote was called for.

Irene motioned to approve the full slate of nominees for the 09 / 10 Executive Committee

Anita seconded, all approved, none opposed.

### **Development Committee Report by Jonathan Katzen**

There has been another \$1450 raised by most recent membership renewal mailing since the last report.

This brings the total raised by this mailing to about \$3500.

The cost of the mailing was \$80. This is due to the donation of services by TC Specialties.

A budget for the upcoming fall mailing will be submitted to the Executive Committee soon. Jonathan is working to build 2 mailings into the budget.

Bill suggested that the cancellation of the 09 National Estuaries Day events be taken into consideration when working out the budget. The NED event is traditionally one of the major fund raising events of the year.

One thing the mailing may tie into is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NERR.

### **Education and Communications Committee Report by Mike Timpane**

Carl cautioned the Board and NERR staff present to remember that any budget agreed to should be viewed as goals not commitments. All efforts are made to ensure that the funds are available when needed.

There was discussion about available funds and the recent funds requests and unforeseen expenses.

Mike S said that the NERR staff would further prioritize the funds requests.

The Education and Communications Committee voted to approve all the funds requests pertaining to items that fall within the Education and Communication Committee's purview as laid out in the document handed out at the budget / work plan meeting on July 21, 2009 with the addition of the timeline requested. These recommendations will apply as the requests are put before the Board for vote.

### **Research Reserve Update by Mike Shirley**

Mike passed out copies of the Management Plan. A copy will be held in the Friends office.

The building repairs have not begun. Due to problems with bonding for the selected vendor the job has gone out for bid again. No timeline is available at this time.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business

Pierre adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm

Triss motioned to adjourn

Jonathan seconded all approved none opposed, meeting adjourned

The next Friends of the GTM Reserve Board meeting will be September 8, 2009