



Present: Beth Coppedge, Catherine Desautels, Gayla Schaefer, Faith Whalen, Linda Vorhees

Meeting called to order 2:49pm

Old Business:

1. Status of 501(c)(3) application – application is being worked on. 11 sections explained as well as all the additional information add ons being included. Based on status of FOSWST accounts cost will be \$850. Remaining timeline shared – General Membership vote to pass Bylaws Sept 26, Elections Sept 26, New Board year starts October 1. New Board meets Oct 6th to approve Articles of Inc amendments, new budget etc. After meeting all filings with state of Florida updated. Upon their return 501 (c)(3) application updated, assembled, signed and sent in. Turtle Talk blog going up explaining the status and voting needed on Sept. 26th. Anyone asking questions can be referred to it for answers.
2. Updates on Newsletter, Social Media accounts- September newsletter is in draft form. Please send any edits to Gayla by noon on 9/10/15 so newsletter can be distributed the evening of the 10th. Facebook account over 2200 likes, Instagram over 500 followers, Twitter over 300.
3. Pizza by the Sea Fundraiser Sept 15 – we cannot be on location that day sharing information about fundraiser nor out in front of the restaurants or in parking lots. We can advertise online. Beth to contact Christi to ensure they know there is a separate turtle group that is having a team meeting there in tshirts and to get updates on what we need to do afterwards with follow up.
4. Trash Bash Sept 26th / General Membership Meeting – Faith will be on site at 6am to make weather call. Set up starts at 6:45am. If cancelled – we will still have vote but at 11am at the Bay Restaurant.
5. Outdoor Living Event Oct 10th 9am – 3pm – anyone interested in volunteering needs to speak with Faith.
6. Donation Jars: total amount of money raised in August \$1424.63
7. Our30A.com fundraiser wrap up – We received note regarding the completion of this fundraiser. \$68.80 is being donated to the Friends organization.
8. Update on Cling quote – we have quote for processed color. Decision made to limit awareness offerings to rentals/hotels to two options – cling or postcard. Both materials are very versatile as well as easy to store.

New Business:

1. Bank Account: Aug Beginning balance \$1715.16 Total income: \$1644.63 total expenses: \$102.65 August Ending balance: \$3257.14
2. Education programs – Seaside would like FOSWST to assist with their six week mentor program. Faith to contact teacher, committee to meet on Sept 15th. A Preschool reached out to us to do program – awaiting response.
3. Elections – Occurring on Sept 26th just before Trash Bash at Inlet. If Trash Bash cancelled then vote will occur at the Bay Restaurant at 11am. We still need a secretary and treasurer.
4. Fundraiser – Oct 22nd – Seaside Self Storage is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Friends of South Walton Sea Turtles. Catherine and Beth will contact to get updates.
5. Loan repayment – FOSWST received a \$1000 loan from Bob Coppedge to be used to cover initial start up costs. Motion made and seconded to repay loan in full. Discussion – fundraising has been successful and there is plenty of money in account to cover and let the new board start off their year debt free. 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Motion passed. To prevent conflict of interest Beth Coppedge abstained from discussion and vote.
6. October Trash Bash – October 24th Miramar Beach 7:30-9
7. End of Board year wrap up – Board year ends in three weeks. If you haven't already please turn in all receipts/invoices/deposit slips and they're accompanying voucher. Faith will forward vouchers out tonight.
8. Motion made and seconded to approve July Board mins with one correction – to remove Catherine from attendance as she wasn't present. 3 yes 0 no 1 abstain Motion passed.
9. Motion made and seconded to approve Aug Board mins. 3 yes 0 no 1 abstain Motion passed.



New Business (con't):

10. Motion made and seconded to correct May Board mins with following missing information "Motion made and seconded for the mission statement of the Friends of South Walton Sea Turtles to be – to promote sea turtle conservation through awareness and education. Discussion. 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Motion approved" 3 yes 0 no 1 abstain Motion passed.
11. Next Governing Board mtg is October 6th at? at the Bay Restaurant – this is transition Governing Board meeting. New Board will set time after Elections.

Meeting adjourned 5:15pm