

Manatee Eco Tourism Association

META

14 APR 2016

Minutes

6:03PM Call to Order: Mary Morgan

6:03PM Adopt Agenda: John Spann Moved, Mike Engiles 2nd

6:04PM Introduction of Guests/Visitors

6:05PM Approval of 10 MAR 2016 Minutes: Mike Engiles moved, Charlie Slider Sec

6:06PM Old Business:

1. Verify Membership Lists

Mike Engiles talk about emails sent asking if anyone didn't get.

2. Sign up to assist with committees

6:07PM Public / Member Input (3 minutes):

Cindy: Talked about city integrated in to businesses, Liability of pictures being taken

Greg Hume: Talked about new city request for info.

Mike Engiles: Talked about meeting soon with Ed Call and Dave Burnell to talk about new city regulations.

Tim : Talked about City person on the water to close to his boat, need to tell city to much info requested

6:20PM Committee Reports:

1. **Finance:** Marty Senetra
 - a. Financial Update \$1050.71 in account \$240 owed
 - b. Talked to TDC, there are some nonmatching grants
2. **Legal:** Mary Morgan
 - a. Evaluate process for Non-Profit Status, spoke to Dr Herzog, bylaws need tweaking for federal nonprofit status, need exit clause.
3. **Science:** John Spann
 - a. Establish May/June Field Trip Meeting after tonight
 - b. Schedule early OCT Captain/Guide Training
4. **Membership:** Charlie Slider
 - a. Simplified Logo
 - b. Web Site status Todd working on website/80% demo ready

5. **Public Relations:** Mike Engiles
 - a. Initial PR Committee Meeting
 - i. Looking for article to send to press
 - ii. FAQs for website and facebook
 - b. Meeting set with Crystal River – Ed Call/Dave Burnell
 - i. Covered in first public input/ Meeting 1pm Monday April 18th
 - c. Schedule meeting with STMC Board
 - i. This month maybe next month
 - d. Schedule meeting with Save Crystal River
 - e. Schedule meeting with new FWS Mgr. Joyce and inviting to May meeting

6:33PM New Business:

1. Code of Conduct on the water:
Talked about staying in our code of conduct

6:35PM Public / Member Input (3 minutes):

Mike Burns: has swim interactions guideline will email, Talked about no walking keeping legs up.

Captain Yves: Remind everyone of manatee manors, no dumping, swimming with tagged manatee in sanctuary, as well as slow down.

Cindy: Talked about in water guides putting 2 people on boats, to follow rules,

Mike Engiles; if people are not following SUP conditions FWS request the to be informed how to move forward for next season, tagged manatee allowed to be in water, just no interaction

Mike Milsap: Recommended Age for in water guide question. Talked about Sec of Interior Here.

Greg Hume: Talked about in water guides pros and cons

Mike Dunn: Guides touching manatees to keep manatee occupied.

Captain Bryan: Wants code of conduct reviewed and revised

Captain Joanne : Talked about Visit citrus posting like to one company's website

Charlie Slider: Talked about Dora the explorer riding the manatee,

Todd: Talked about kayakers, Please respect when doing the right things

John Spann; talked about representing META the right way

7:00PM Adjourn Mike Engiles moved John Spann 2nd