

Manatee Eco Tourism Association

META

10 August 2017

General Meeting Procedures

In consideration of others, we ask that you follow a few basic rules:

1. Please turn cell phones off or place on vibrate. If you must make a call, please step outside in order to not interrupt the meeting.
2. If you must speak to someone, please speak softly or go outside in order to not interrupt the meeting.
3. Personal comments/remarks directed to the Board, Members, or the public are not allowed and are considered out of order.

There will be two Public/Member Input opportunities, at the beginning and end of each meeting. Anyone may speak on the topic of their choosing for up to three minutes.

Meetings

Call to Order: Parliamentarian

Adopt Agenda: Vice President moved, President second

Approve Minutes: July minutes approved. President moved, Parliamentarian second

Introduction of Guests/Visitors: None

Public / Member Input (3 minutes):

-Adam Thomas of Visit Citrus is moving on from Citrus County. Miles Saunders will be the interim Director until the position is filled. Also, Veronica Davis with Visit Citrus is available to answer questions or to help with the day-to-day business.

-DEMA coop opportunity in Orlando in November. Please email Veronica Davis with questions or if interested in being a part of it.

Old Business:

-Upcoming training/seminar in November topics:

Hydrology, Biology, Crowd Control, Etiquette. Requesting LT Heron with USCG to attend to answer questions.

Looking at November 15th as training date.

Still looking for topic ideas/interests for seminar. Bryan is the contact for training.

-Fall cleanup day set for October 19. Jessie is the contact for the cleanup.

-The Chronicle is offering us a spot in the paper to announce or spotlight META members, events, and news. Please give us your suggestions. Write it up and send it to the board.

Committee Reports:

1. **Legal:** None
2. **Science:** None

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3. **Membership:** None

4. **Public Relations:** None

New Business:

-Discussion of 1099 business license. List of questions sent to the City and will be emailed out when answered. Go to Sunbiz on MyFlorida webpage to register and pay \$20 fee to City. In-water guides do not need a license.

-From Sandi, look into opportunities for grants for training at visitflorida.

-Still looking for date to attend. LT Herron from the Coast Guard would like to attend a META meeting, so please get together questions you would like answered. Date of visit is still TBD.