

Manatee Eco Tourism Association

META

11 FEB 2016

Minutes

AGENDA

Call to Order: Parliamentarian Mary Morgan 6:06pm

Adopt Agenda: Parliamentarian Mary Morgan

Covered rules

Introductions

Adoption of Agenda

First Charlie

Second Mary

Unanimous vote board

Public / Member Input (3 minutes):

Mike Milsap Talked about peer, save the manatee, Time Magazine article talk about not just three sisters,
Charlie responded 3SS closed/verbiage from FWS

Mike Birns Talked about trolley

Old Business: Mike Englies

1. Verify Membership Lists
2. Verify/Correct Email Lists
Who to be on everyone list
3. Sign up to assist with committees

Charlie talked about participating in the meetings

Committee Reports:

1. **By Laws:** Mike Englies
 - a. Draft being reviewed by board (Charlie)
 - i. Participant change
 - ii. Change new member to 3 out of 4 meetings before voting
 - iii. Dues \$50 per voting
 - iv. Voting
 - v. Board

Open to comments

Excused Absences

Consecutive meetings for nominations

John Move to revise by laws the vote next meeting (motion Died)
Charley moved to adopt bylaws with discussed changes, Mike seconded
Pass 9 to 1 voting members

2. **Finance:** Marty Senetra (Bryan McCutcheon) John
 - a. Turnover of Checking account
 - b. Create Budget \$852 in the coffers
 - c. Updated Membership List
 - d. Apply for TDC Collateral Materials Grant
3. **Legal:** Mary Morgan (Paul Cross)
 - a. Establish PO Box
 - b. Evaluate process for Non-Profit Status
 - c. Research Water Column ownership, right of ways, navigable water ways in area
 - i. Bob mercer helping get documentation for water ownership.
4. **Science:** John Spann (Samantha Whitcraft, Jeff & Joanna, Emily)
 - a. Establish May/June Field Trip Mote Marine lower park zoo, necropsy lab St Pete, summer manatee habitat(harbor branch) FPL observation center) health assessments
 - b. Schedule early OCT Captain/Guide Training
 - c. Outreach Collateral/Programs
5. **Membership:** Charlie Slider
 - a. Establish Open House Meeting (APR?) and send out welcome letter/invitations to join META
Ask for ideas
Open house meeting
6. **Public Relations:** Mike Engiles (Diane O., Bryan McCutcheon)
 - a. Meeting Notice sent to Hometown Happenings
In Chronicle
 - b. Craft responses to common misunderstandings as rebuttal to: shut down swim-with program, Three Sisters Closures = Kings Bay Closures, etc.
 - i. Responses for shutdown talk
 - ii.
 - c. Access to Facebook, Twitter, Google+ page. METAManatee.com and M-E-T-A.org websites.

New Business:

Change logo?

Public / Member Input (3 minutes):

Full audio available on request

Nature Coast Biological station

Adjourn Mary Morgan 7:50pm