

**Manatee Eco Tourism Association**

**META**

**9 June 2016**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Mike Engiles 6:04PM

**Adopt Agenda:** Mike Engiles 6:04PM Charlie 2nd motion

**Introduction of Guests/Visitors** 6:06PM

**Approval of MAY 2016 Minutes** Charlie moved, Mike seconded motion.

**Old Business:** Discussion on status of non for profit, Unanimous vote for extended membership.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Finance:** Marty Senetra
  - a. Financial Update
2. **Legal:** Mary Morgan
  - a. Discussion on status of non for profit
  - b. Funding for moving forward with Non-Profit: Unanimous vote for extended membership.to raise funds
3. **Science:** John Spann
  - a. Lowery Park Zoo visit had strong turnout, over 50 members and friends.
4. **Membership:** Charlie Slider
  - a. Web Site Status: Still need membership to pick categories, Looking for July meeting to have Beta Live to look over.
  - b. Logo for July meeting
5. **Public Relations:** Mike Engiles
  - a. Chronicle article published on 5/28. (There is a link on the META facebook page)
  - b. Drafting a Scalloping article. and article for visit at Lowery Park Zoo
  - c. Board:Board Meeting with STMC on the 15th
  - d. Charlie and Mike to participate in 3S Upland Planning meetings
  - e. TDC meeting went good, Discover Crystal river push from PR side

**New Business:**

Motion:

Retain the services of Dr Fred Herzog to assist in securing META's Florida and Federal non-profit status per the proposal. Dr Herzog will be a registered agent on METAs behalf in dealings with the state and federal agencies.

By: Marty

2nd: Mary

Vote: unanimous approval

**Public / Member Input** (3 minutes):

Mike Milsap: Grant from TDC must have heads to beds qualifier, discussed dislike for drones

Derek: META clean-up day suggestion for Kings Bay

Brandie: Ask for update on Guides program

**Adjourn** John Moved Mary Seconded,