

## **Manatee Eco Tourism Association**

**META**  
**08 June 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:** President in Parliamentary absence

**Adopt Agenda:** President moved, Vice President second

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes to be approved at July meeting due to format of minutes being inaccessible by members

**Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** Sky Notestein-SWFWMD

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

-Clarification requested of the Guardian Guide program: where funds go from collection and what was meant by staggering of times. Mike E addressed, Coastal Camp Citrus student sponsored, as well as, cleanup supplies. Other scholarship or sponsorship ideas welcome.

-Hunter Springs cleanup underway June 09 from 0900-1200. Gloria is the coordinator of the event.

### **Old Business:**

-Website up. Please put up your logos, urls, services offered, etc.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Legal:** None
2. **Science:** None
3. **Membership:** None
4. **Public Relations:** Mike Engiles

### **New Business:**

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

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-Sky Notestein, SWFWMD, discussed the MFL(minimum flow level) decision, 3 cages in Hunter Springs being removed by the end of the month and the results of eel grass project vs the expectation. Gave insight to efforts by FWC to try to maintain/control hydrilla, rather than eliminate it. Also, discussed the 3SS project from this past summer and asked for input on the project. Members voiced that our biggest disappointment was the removal/destruction of the Sewer Sam cage remnants, as part of our history was taken away. Cage remnants replacement and plaque proposal to remember Sewer Sam.

There are 2 potential projects in the future:

- 1) Estimate how thick the sand is and possibly suck out the extra sand if natural spring flow does not flush the excess sand out of 3SS.
- 2) Address erosion in Idiot's this fall. May continue boundaries(rocks) for stabilization to Idiot's. If needed, will commence ~Spring 2019 due to planning process. \*Sky (SWFWMD) is open to suggestions of another stabilization material other than what was used in 3SS.

**Fundraiser:** Ideas to raise money for META-Guest Captain bartender at local pub suggested by Marty.

**Meeting Adjourned**