

**Manatee Eco Tourism Association**

**META**

**12 November 2016**

**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 the meeting. Anyone may speak on the topic of their choosing for up to three minutes.

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order:** Parliamentarian

**Adopt Agenda:** Parliamentarian

**Introduction of Guests/Visitors**

**Approval of August 2016 Minutes**

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

**Old Business:**

- 1) META Conservation Day
- 2) Guide and Captain Training
- 3) US FWS Refuge Day 10/22
- 4) 501(c) 3 Application being submitted tomorrow.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Finance:** Marty Senetra
2. **Legal:** Mary Morgan
3. **Science:** John Spann
4. **Membership:** Charlie Slider
5. **Public Relations:** Mike Engiles

**New Business:**

1. **Nominations for Vice President**
2. **Nominations for Parliamentarian**
3. **Motion:** META send a letter supporting an increase in the bed tax from 3% to 5%
4. **Seasonal Museum:** looking for artifacts, pictures, anecdotes.
5. **Ecology Week:** looking for talks on ecology, manatees, scuba for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. 12/5

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

**Adjourn**