

# Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve

## December 1, 2008 Board of Director's Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:** Margaret Winn, Harold Saylor, Bobbe Hickman, Marianne Sanders, Marti Timple, Jan Bachrach, Betty Tryon, Sue Turner, Barbara Schimbke, Rosemary Putnam, Dorothea Forier Guest – Lou Forier

Quorum

**Old Business:** Margaret suggested that we approve the November 3, 2008 minutes at our next meeting.

**New Business:**

**President:** Jan will send November minutes by e-mail to Marti.

Margaret thanked everyone for their help in cleaning up the Chickee.

Bandit, the gopher tortoise that was run over in parking lot 1, is still alive and being rehabilitated at the Conservance in Naples. Margaret brought a donation jar and asked that someone volunteer to put the pictures and explanation on the jar. Rosemary volunteered and will have the jar ready for the 1st lecture this Saturday. The jar will be placed on the counter and the proceeds will go towards Bandit's care.

Upcoming scheduled events: The docents will begin staffing the Learning Center beginning December 1, 2008. The first lecture will be on Oyster research, Saturday, December 6, 2008. Cindy Piper will have a group of second graders at Barefoot Beach from Manna Christian Park on Friday, December 12. The docent luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m., January 16, 2009. The annual luncheon and membership meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on March 6, 2009 at Imperial Country Club.

Margaret asked for a motion to fund 3 bus trip requests for underprivileged children. Barb made a motion that we spend up to \$2,000 to fund requests for money to bring elementary children to Barefoot Beach by bus. Rosemary seconded the motion and the motion passed. Bobbe suggested that the money be taken out of money market funds.

Margaret asked that all of us try to attend the December 20<sup>th</sup> lecture regarding Wiggins Pass by Gary McAlpin. Bring your friends and neighbors too.

Embarq is still planning on burying the phone line running along the sidewalk into Barefoot Beach.

Margaret is going to let the county work on the outparcel toilets without pressure from the Friends.

Margaret will notify all agencies that we have not yet contacted about our current post office box address.

A Boy Scout troupe donated \$50 in honor of Cindy Piper for a canoe trip at Barefoot Beach.

The nominating committee (Betty Tryon, Harold Saylor and Margaret Winn) will arrange to meet after the board meeting and report at the January meeting their selections to replace Harold as V.P.; Al Timple as Newsletter Editor; Dorothea as Statistician and possibly Bill Turner as Special Events Chair. Harold and Dorothea have agreed to remain on the BOD as at-large members.

Margaret has an estimate of \$750 to build a cedar cabinet in the SE corner of the chickee hut to house the DVD and CD players and tapes. The funds would come from the Michael Kirn Memorial Fund.

Cinde Kavan, a ranger at Barefoot Beach, has made up an album with pictures of some of the trail plants with interesting facts about the plants. She gives a golf cart ride down the trail pointing out the plants. She is going to have the text translated into German and into Spanish. Margaret proposed that the Friends fund her project. Jan made a motion but Bobbe and Harold said that we are not allowed to give monetary support to any county employee. Margaret will talk to Maura to see if the Friends can help in some way. Marti suggested that we put the project on the web site and even make the album into a book. Jan felt that since we had not made Mauricio's plant project into a book we had better be cautious about what we do for Cinde.

**Treasurer:** Bobbe reported that the Friends have \$11,583 in money market funds, \$6,081.95 in our checking account, \$30,000 in CDs, and \$21,093.98 in the Community Foundation for a total of \$67,872.11.

Bobbe feels that we have taken care of the e-postcard requirement. Jan's recollection is that the e-postcard can only be filed electronically. Bobbe will look into it.

**Fundraising:** A check for a \$1,000 brick has been received. Marti did some research and she emphasized that we need to issue a report on how the funds that we raised were spent. Jan suggested that the \$4,000 that the Friends put towards the new chickee roof would be one item that we can put into the report.

Margaret is leaving a package of labels with the required solicitation registration number for non-profit organizations at the chickee and is asking anyone who has some time to peel off the backs of the label and affix them to the Buy-a-Brick brochures and membership forms.

**Publicity:** Jane was able to get our lecture schedule published in the Naples Daily News, the Ft. Myers News-Press and the Bonita Banner. Also, under Collier County Events our lecture schedule will be posted. Kudos to Jane for accomplishing what the rest of us had been unable to accomplish!

Publix said that we could buy tote bags from them. Publix's cost is \$2.56 and they sell them for \$ .98.

**Social:** Sue asked how much she should spend on the annual luncheon favors. \$2.00 was suggested. We usually have about 65 people attending the luncheon. The BOD holiday party is January 10 at Jane Duran's house.

**Garden:**

A lily will be placed in the butterfly pond for Dorothea Forier's daughter, Kathleen, but Bobbe will wait until spring when it is warmer to put the lily in the pond. The Gumbo Limbo tree is blocking sun to the pond so Bobbe would like to cut it back.

Lots of flowers have been planted in the butterfly garden and the garden is looking really nice. The algae in the pond is building up again.

Bobbe asked Murdo for 60 bags of mulch and offered to pay for them.

Bob Hickman and Virgil Brockman have completed the sidewalk behind the Chickee Hut with the bricks that are taken up for the brick fundraising project and it looks terrific. Bricks have also been placed around the Founder's bench with a Friends of Barefoot Beach 8x8 brick prominently displayed.

The hose connection rusted out. Buddy disconnected the hose and said that the county would replace it.

Bob Hickman moved one of the sprinkler heads and checked the rest. Someone from the county came to check all the sprinkler heads as well.

Harold suggested that we paint the fencing around the garden in a dark color that would match the chickee hut. Bobbe wanted to let the fencing weather a gray color naturally.

**Newsletter and Website:** Marti asked that all Board members go to the FOBB website and sign in to receive BOD communications. She even offered to come to our houses if we were not able to sign onto the site!

Once we have all signed on to the web site, any document can be transformed into a PDF form which any one can access. Pictures from smug.mug.com can store unlimited photos and can easily be added to the web site.

We are sending out about 322 one page double sided FOBB newsletters.

A statement declaring our non-profit status with our assigned number validating our standing with Consumer Affairs is included on the membership form that is an insert in the newsletter.

**Secretary:** Jan made a motion that we purchase up to \$5,000 worth of gopher tortoise cut-out handouts made by Nancy Olson. Barb seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jan suggested that we purchase a live web cam to monitor a gopher tortoise burrow, and then maybe the osprey nest or capture the more elusive bobcat. Margaret said that Noel Durant is an electronic whiz and he would look into the web cam that would be suitable for Barefoot Beach. Marti suggested that we hook the live web cam up to the FOBB website. Rosemary expressed concerns about the web cam being secure so that it could not be stolen. The board members present supported the idea and Margaret will contact Noel.

**Docent Chair:** Betty suggested that we have name tags made up for 1st year docents that read "Docent" without a name on them.

Linda Heacock is a new docent and is scheduled to work on Tuesday mornings. Helle offered to work with her on Tuesday mornings. Barb said that she could work on

Tuesday mornings too. There are several decent spots open on the schedule...esp. Friday afternoons and Sunday afternoons.

Bobbe will have a polo shirt sample from her daughter this week.

**Trail:** Barb reported for Paul Schimbke that the trail clean-up had gone well but he was uncertain about removing exotics.

**Finance Committee and County Liaison:** no report

**Other new business:**

Margaret asked if any board members would be attending lectures on Saturday and would be willing to help with set-up ahead of time. Harold said that Kurt Peters will probably continue to help with set-up at lectures.

Margaret asked those that had some time to stay and put newsletters in envelopes.

Motion to adjourn made by Jan and seconded by Rosemary. Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m. Next meeting Monday, January 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at The Club at Barefoot Beach.

Submitted by Jan Bachrach, Recording Secretary