

FRIENDS OF LOVERS KEY, INC
Board of directors Meeting Agenda-Minutes
May 9, 2023 Board Meeting 2:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

Welcome and Administrative Business

I. Call to order/Roll call:

Present: Jim Remis-President
Karen Woodson-VP Operations
Megan Allers-VP Donor Development & Events
Kathryn Klar-Treasurer Chair Governance Committee
Christy Hennessey-Secretary
Katie Moses-Park Manager and State Relations
Jason Dolle-Chair Development Subcommittee
Tim Horvatic-Building Committee

Absent: Sandy Foreman-Events Chair
Louise Kowitch-Education Chair
Mark Generales-Building Committee
Frank Cassise-Purchasing/Print/Supplies
Tina Tyler-Donor Development Advisor

II. Approval of March 14, 2023 Board Meeting minutes: (by email March 21, 2023)

- Motion to approve: Karen
- Seconded: Kathryn
- Discussion: None
- Motion Approved

III. Park Manager's Report – Katie Moses

- Update on park damages and clean-up: Debris removal moving along, foliage is turning green and can tell which trees did not survive. Trails and roads ready for visitors. Everything else that needs to be done is out of the visitor area.
- Plans for reconstruction: Wright Construction is doing the repairs, currently completing the quotes to send to State. Cost is 3.5 million Dollars, at that amount, more state approvals are needed. The residences will be the first thing to be fixed. Wright is getting the trailers for restrooms, office and Todd's concessions. Wright will also service those trailers. Delivered May 22. Restroom trailer will be placed between the CDC and kayak launch. Wright Construction is looking for a toll booth to use as the guard station. Electrical permits were being held up by Bonita because of the 50% rule but State signed a waiver.
- Plans for reopening: No opening date yet. Perhaps late summer
- Other: Izzy has left the park service and moved to Arizona. His position will not be posted for a replacement until his house is finished for the new Ranger.

Ranger John Moore is filling in for Izzy. We get a Koreshan ranger 2-3 days a week. Tram will be ready May 22nd. Delnor Wiggins opening is May 15, but not a lot of parking.

- Debris removal has been great.
- Q and A with Board Members: November-December will be the beach renourishment after turtle season. There have been 17 false crawls and 2 nests. We have 2 Wilson Plover nests.

Reports of Board Officers

IV. President's Report-Jim: Our team is distracted and things are not getting done.

- Review of FOLKS 990: was shared by Jim with the Board via email
- CSO Legislative Report: Prepared by Jim
- 2023 FOLKS Goals: 2023 Annual Goals were approved
- FOLKS Planning for Reopening and 2024: (see mentions as follows)
- Meeting schedule for EC and Board: EC will meet via Zoom in June, July and August. The next Board Meeting will be August 8, 2023 also via Zoom.
- Other: None

V. VP of Operations Report-Karen

- FMB Update: Debris removal going well, restaurants opening, Publix opening soon.
- Hardware and Software for Nook-POS/retire Salsa: MAKs LLC, POS system is being looked into. It has all kinds of tracking, inventory control, loyalty program. Very user friendly.
- Membership tracking: Provided by "Career Source", Laurie Frank is working in the FMB Chamber office while the WDC is not ready. Position is "Nook Operations/Membership" and currently working with Kathryn on a spreadsheet from Salsa. FOLKS bought an iPad for Laurie because if Career Source provided it, the iPad would remain their property.
- 2024 GALA Planning: Pulling donations from last year to see if they hold true this year, the wine tasting cruise will not happen this year because their boat sunk in the hurricane, checking on auction items, have main operations scheduled, Caterer, sound, florist, tent, auctioneer.
- Other: None

VI. VP of Development and Events Report- Megan

- Planning for events:
 - Jim stated we need Louise to plan education and camps for next year.
 - Beach and Brews will be Nov. 9, 2023. Not sure how this will draw sponsors after businesses suffered from the hurricane, but we will be happy to break even. Need to get excitement from events going on in the park again.
 - Vow Renewal at Lovers Key, February 14, 2024, hopefully on the beach.
 - We will have a casual welcome back event but not sure when, with a suggested \$10 admission and sell new T-shirts. Slogan: Fall in love with Lovers Key, again.

- Mark inquired about the Boat Show but the park will not be safe this next year and with the San Carlos bridge construction staging area. Not a viable option for the next couple of years because of the condition of the soil's debris. The former Greyhound Track might be a suggestion.
- Need Louise to come up with a plan for next year's programs and camp.
- GALA February 24, 2024.

- Other: None

VII. Secretary Report-Christy

- WDC Landscaping and Activities Project: Moving a head with John Schiera for the landscape plan. We can't keep waiting on a second plan from Ellen. Will have him plant trees and larger items. Park staff and volunteers, garden club, will plant the rest. Park staff will remove top layer of shells and bring in soil and sod.
- Newsletter: Katie said she will take care of her portion of the newsletter while Christy is north for summer and Christy resume in fall/winter.
- Other: None

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- May Financial Statements: Discovered the website has an auto renew that is sending money for FOLKS to BB&T that we have not been able to track from whom. Have \$325, 000 in cash, \$180,000 was put in a money market but because we are not a private individual, the rate is not 4%, only 2 or 2.5%. There are checks sent that have not been cashed and Kathryn will follow up with them. The Rotary had pledged \$10,000 to FOLKS and will be paying us an additional \$5,500.
- Issues with split Rock Phase Three (with Tim): Met with Splitrock president and they agree to no markup on the Taxidermy work and re-evaluating other costs. The exhibit is on hold because the next step is to determine what structural material to place inside. The July install has been compromised. The footing is our responsibility. Katie said Wright Construction may be able to help transport down here if we pay for the fuel, because they have their business located in Minnesota. Chuck has approved the plaque which should take about 3 weeks to make.
- Disaster Temporary Jobs Grant Staffing and job description: Laurie will work for 12 months and once we have Nook hours, can hire a part-time help. After 12 months, we can get another 12-month employee of Career Source. As soon as the WDC has power, Laurie can work from there. FOLKS will not be responsible for any handling of compensation and other 'employer' responsibilities. After 12 months we can hire Laurie and get another Career Source employee up to three years. Whenever we have power at the WDC, Laurie will be located there.
- Other: Kat to order new T-shirts. Still need the last \$20,000 from the King Foundation.

IX. Other reports:

- Advisory Council-Tina: Moving forward to form the council
- Event Planning – July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 -Sandy: None

- Update approval of Park needs that FOLK can assist in funding – Tim and Frank:
There are 22 items on the list. All but 3 of the items can be shipped to the local store and picked up, avoiding shipping costs. Totaled up it is about \$18,000. Invoices will be created by the retailers so a check can be cut for purchase.
 - Motion to approve purchase without sales tax: Jim
 - Seconded: Karen
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion approved
- Other: The Millers, owners of The Whale, are donating an ATV. We will name it The Whale and they can apply their logo.

Other

- X. Open Board Members discussion about the future:
- XI. New Business
- XII. Adjournment 3:40
 - Motion to adjourn: Karen
 - Seconded: Megan
 - Motion approved

Next Board Meetings

Executive Committee will meet via Zoom in June, July and August

August 8, 2023 Board Meeting 2:00 Location to be determined and Zoom

November 14, 2023 Board Meeting 2:00 Location to be determined and Zoom