

Minutes of the April 16, 2013  
Ichetucknee Springs Alliance  
Board Meeting

The meeting was held at Rum 138. Present were: Lu Merritt, Cathy Street, Charles Maxwell, John Jopling, Bob Knight, Loye Barnard, Jacqui Sulek, and Megan Olson. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the March 30, 2013, meeting were approved as written.

Lu Merritt submitted her resignation from the Board to allow her to receive a salary for the work she conducts for the organization. The motion to accept the resignation was seconded and carried. The Articles of incorporation will be amended to reflect her departure and to add Megan Olson as secretary.

Finances:

If Terri Skiles agrees, in the future membership payments will be sent directly to her.

The board approved opening a bank account at Capital City Bank. A motion for John Jopling and Terri Skiles to be the signors on the account was carried. Both John and Terri have the authority to write checks on the account. Only one signature is needed to issue a check.

Cathy Street, Bob Knight and Loye Barnard paid their Alliance membership dues.

It was noted that John Jopling contributed seventy-five dollars to the Alliance to pay for the cost of filing the articles of incorporation.

Records of contributions to the organization should be sent to Terri.

A specific budget was not presented as all realized that creating an initial budget is an ongoing process.

New Business:

The board discussed the creation of a website and a logo. Lu suggested that a site with enabled payment capabilities would be helpful. She asked for permission to speak with Buni Dewiliby-Moore to find out if she would be willing to help with the creation of the website for a nominal fee.

A motion was made and carried to have Lu speak with about assisting with the creation of the website. Examples of Ms. Dewiliby-Moore's ideas will be reviewed before a final decision will be made as to whether to hire her.

Bob Knight will contact Bob Smith about designing a logo for the organization.

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson suggested that members of the group try to attend the water management meetings held the second Tuesday of every month. She particularly hoped that as many people as possible could attend the June meeting that would be held in Live Oak.

Lu Merritt spoke about attending the Democracy School in Orlando and expressed her desire to hold a school in this area. The goal of the school is to create a framework for changing the laws around the country regarding the way natural resources such as waterways are viewed legally.

Goals for next meeting:

1. Establish bank account
2. Think about ways of getting the membership drive started before the website is up.
  - a. A source for potential members is people who were part of the Ichetucknee Working Group.
3. Consider focus of organization
  - a. One possible issue is a moratorium on the issuance of water permits.

Next meeting scheduled for May 8, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at Rum 138.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.