

Minutes of the March 30, 2013  
Ichetucknee Springs Alliance  
Initial Board Meeting

The first meeting of the Ichetucknee Alliance was held on March 30, 2013, at the Fort White Community Center. Present were : Lu Merritt, Cathy Street, Jeri-Sue Moffitt, Charles Maxwell, Yolanda Jopling, John Jopling, Erin Condon, Terri Skiles, Bob Knight, Jacqui Sulek, and Megan Olson. The meeting began at 10:100 a.m. with opening remarks by Jacqui Sulek.

John Jopling explained that the steering committee had met and had taken the steps necessary to Incorporate as the Ichetucknee Alliance, which has tentatively been set up as a nonprofit organization under chapter 501(c) (3) .

The following individuals were unanimously approved to serve as the initial Board officers.

John Jopling ----- President  
Jacqui Sulek -----Vice-President  
Terri Skiles-----Treasurer  
Megan Olson-----Secretary  
Charles Maxwell--Historian  
Cathy Street  
Bob Knight

Lu Merritt will be paid to work part time (10 hours a week) for six months to assist the board with the development of the website, keeping members and board members informed of events, and preparing any necessary press releases.

A motion was made and carried for the Alliance to be a membership organization with the following annual dues schedule:

Students and seniors over 65 -----\$15.00  
Individual-----\$25.00  
Family -----\$35.00

Business/ Corporate -----\$100.00  
Lifetime membership----- \$250.00

A motion was made and carried to have Terri Skiles obtain the forms necessary to set up a bank account at Capital City Bank.

Membership dues will be sent to John Jopling at Dell Graham, 203 N.E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601. The type of receipts to be given members will be determined.

The board agreed that a science committee should be formed. Jacqui Sulek agreed to head the committee in its infancy.

The board acknowledged that one of the first steps for the Alliance was to amass a membership. Lu Merritt stressed the importance of issuing press releases to inform people about the purpose of the Alliance and to differentiate it from other organizations and state actions.

It was noted that a goal of the Alliance is to build partnerships with other stakeholders to further the organization's objectives.

It was suggested that it would be beneficial to work with people like John Wheeler and hold an annual science meeting in Lake City.

Bob Knight provided a synopsis of the goals set forth in the Ichetucknee restoration plan.

It was decided that initially meetings will be held every two weeks. The next meeting date is April 16, 2013. The time and location will be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.