

**ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE
MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, August 9, 2014 @ Rum 138**

Present

John Jopling
Sue Karcher
Bob Knight
Charles Maxwell
Lucinda Merritt
Bob Palmer
Terri Skiles
Jim Stevenson
Cathy Street

Absent

Jill Lingard

1. *Agenda approval/additions/deletions.* See #s 13-15, below.

REPORTS

2. *Review/approval of July 19 meeting minutes.* Jopling moved for approval; Maxwell seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

3. *Treasurer's report.* Terri Skiles reported that the Alliance currently has \$1814.50.

4. *Staff Assistant's report/July 2014.* There were no questions about the report.

OLD BUSINESS

5. *Update on t-shirt design.* We discussed costs, potential designs and the possible use of embroidered patches. Terri will check on costs and report back at the next meeting.

6. *Update on plans for Intermodal Park in Lake City.* Plans are moving forward and there has been a recent article in the Lake City Reporter.

7. *Update on a plan to show "Following the Ichetucknee" to elected officials & civic groups.* Merritt will work on this during August.

8. *Update on membership recruitment brochure distribution.* Brochures are printed and available for distribution. Jopling reported that he had spoken to the park manager at Ichetucknee Springs State Park and while she is unable to make the brochures available within the park, she will allow us to distribute them there. We discussed how to distribute them at both the North and South entrances as well as other places where the brochures should go (Ichetucknee Family Campground, tube rental businesses, TREPO, etc.) Merritt asked that people let her know when, where, and about how many brochures they distribute. Jopling reminded us that he would like for us to have a goal of 250 members by the end of 2014.

9. *Update on award for Trini Johannesen.* Merritt will work on getting a date on which this award can be presented at a Columbia County Commission meeting.

10. *Set new date for BBQ.* We decided to hold our BBQ on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the park in Three Rivers Estates. Jopling will arrange for use of the park.

NEW BUSINESS

11. *Waters of the U.S. sign-on letter/Floridians' Clean Water Declaration Campaign.* Maxwell moved approval; Jopling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

12. *Date of the next meeting?* Will be decided by Doodle Poll since the Rum 138 conference room is in use on the date we agreed upon (Sept. 2).

13. Based on the report given by Trini Johannesen and Valerie Thomas at the last meeting, Terri Skiles moved that we donate \$250 to the Ichetucknee PARKnership program at Fort White Middle School. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

14. Bob Knight mentioned that the Springs Watch program needs a new conductivity probe for river monitoring. Jopling moved that the Alliance authorize an expenditure of up to \$200 to purchase the probe; Maxwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

15. We discussed the structure of meetings and how periodic, more informative meetings with speakers would help to recruit more members. Cathy Street, Sue Karcher and Terri Skiles volunteered to serve on a meeting committee to develop these ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt, Secretary