

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 18, 2017

@ North Florida Springs Environmental Center, 23695 W. U.S. Highway 27, High Springs FL

Present

Eric Flagg
John Jopling
Jill Lingard
Charles Maxwell
Lu Merritt
Cathy Street

Absent

Jasmine Hagan
Scott Jantz

President John Jopling called the meeting to order.

1. *Agenda approval/additions/deletions.* None.

OFFICER REPORTS

2. *Review/approval of November meeting minutes.* The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. *Treasurer's report.* Per emailed Treasurer's report, IA has \$4,220.19. **Note: Out of the funds we received from Florida's Eden, \$2084.91 remains that is earmarked for education-related expenses.**

4. *Staff Assistant's report, November-December 2016.* There were no questions except for the usual questions about memberships: How many members? Are we tapping Facebook page members? Lu Merritt explained that membership is in flux during the January grace period for renewal and there will be a full update in February. She also reminded everyone that she regularly encourages the Facebook page members to join the Alliance. She also reminded those Board members who have been given administrative privileges on the Facebook page that they are able to post membership encouragement at any time.

OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES

5. *Science Team update.* Because Jill Lingard and Scott Jantz are moving and resigning from the Board, Jill will no longer be able to coordinate Science Team activities. Brenda Wells has volunteered to take over that job. Jill will ask Brenda if she is interested in coming on the Board and will invite her to attend the next meeting.

6. *Trace Race exploration update.* Eric Flagg reported on activities that included research on insurance rates and a field trip to evaluate possible routes and staging areas. Discussion followed. Eric will continue to research insurance and talk to others about the possible event. Lu suggested that if IA cannot organize the event, perhaps we could locate another organizer with whom we could cooperate. Suggestions for further conversations included Bike Florida (Ron Cunningham) and the American Canoe Association (for insurance information).

7. *T-shirt and hat sales update.* No update.

8. *Report on SRWMD meetings.* No report.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Jill handed off materials that she and Scott had been storing to other members of the Board. John Jopling mentioned that he has 15-20 hats and stressed his need for the PowerPoint presentation that Lu is working on. Several people were suggested as potential Board members to fill vacancies that will be left by Jill's and Scott's departures.

10. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt, Secretary