

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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

Board Members Present

Paul Donsky
John Jopling
Amelia McKnight
Eric Flagg

Board Members Absent

Jasmine Hagan
Lu Merritt

Guests

Benjamin Loughran

President John Jopling presided over the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. *Review/approval of January 2017 meeting minutes.* The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. *Staff Assistant's reports, January 2017.* There were no questions.

3. *Treasurer's report.* Jasmine's report was emailed to the group and approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES

4. *Second opinion re: "vote for water" as opposed to "vote wisely" in IA messaging.* John says we can advocate for any issue so long as we do not endorse a specific candidate, so "vote for water".

5. *Update on website revisions.* We reviewed the updates to the home page of the website. Eric made some comments about the fonts. **Email any comments to Lu so she can compile a list of changes to send to Stuart.**

6. *Update on videos.* Eric has produced a rough cut of the first video that we watched on Eric's phone. She will work with him to record narration. We agreed that the videos should be done by our next meeting and we can discuss how they will be used.

7. *Action items related to discussions held on the basin tour with Jim Stevenson on Sept. 23, 2017.*

- Land acquisition – Eric will get in touch with people that he knows at ACT and see if we can open the door to further discussion about funds for land acquisition.
- Replacing interpretive signs at Rose Sink and Cannon Sink (recommended by Jim) - John will speak to Jim about what information is on/should go on the sign. Paul will look into who can produce these signs. We discussed adding QR codes linking to our website/videos to the signs.
- Dye trace study – John will speak with Jim about the specifics of how this study might be conducted. He is confident that TRT will be able to help us fund this.
- Establishing a better relationship with park staff at ISSP – We agreed that having a good relationship with the park is very important. Optimally, we would like them in attendance at our meetings. There were no specific idea on how to do this.

8. *Blue Water Audit.* Bob Knight sent some maps summarizing data from the first phase of the BWA, Bob and Angeline Meeks from FSI have agreed to come to our March meeting and explain these maps.

9. *Events.* Eric said he would table for us at the Alligator Lake Springs Fest on April 14th. Provided he has someone to assist him.

NEW BUSINESS

10. *Benjamin Loughran was nominated as a new board member and was unanimously approved. Welcome Ben! Bens email is btloughran@gmail.com and his phone number is 352-328-2018*

11. We discussed having a better presence in Trepo. Paul will get in contact with them about having a table at their annual cookout.

12. *Meeting schedule for 2018:* fourth Tuesdays Feb. 27; Mar. 27; Apr. 24; May 22; Jun. 26; Jul. 24; Aug. 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 27 (the week AFTER Thanksgiving); No meeting in December (it would fall on Dec. 25).

13. Our next meeting will be **March 27th at 6:30.**

14. *Other new business.* None.
The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Donsky