

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2020

via Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present

John Jopling
Bruce Robinson
Bob Ulanowicz

Advisory Board Members Present

Judy Sayre

Staff Member Present

Lu Merritt

1. Agenda approval/additions/deletions. None.

MONTHLY REPORTS

2. Review/approval of May meeting minutes. The revised draft minutes were approved.

3. Staff Assistant's report, May. There were no questions.

4. Membership report. The report was mailed to board members before the meeting. A discrepancy was noted between the May and June membership figures; Lu will check on this and report (Note: June numbers are correct.) There were questions about membership renewals. Are members reminded to renew? Yes, via newsletters. The board indicated a preference for individual emails to members. Where is the renewal link on the website? Lu reported that we have been using the "Become a Member" page and that she will ask our webmaster to create a separate page for renewals.

5. Treasurer's report. The report was mailed to board members before the meeting. There were no questions.

6. Science Team report. Tabled because Jaime is traveling.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Purchase of new light meter for water monitoring team needs approval. Via email, John Jopling had recommended spending up to \$500 to purchase a light meter to replace the old meter that has malfunctioned. By voice vote at this meeting, the board approved purchase of an Apogee MQ-200 meter for \$377.00 plus shipping. Lu will order the meter.

8. MFL update. Lu reported on the first 45 minutes of the MFL meeting that was conducted by the Suwannee River Water Management District via Internet and telephone on June 16. We will not know the status of the MFL until the District's work with the peer reviewers is complete and the updated MFL has been set. District employee John Good was not able to give an estimated time frame for that decision, since the District does not know how long the work with the peer reviewers will take.

9. BMAP challenge update. John reported that there has been no word from the administrative law judge about a decision.

10. Ichetucknee Biography project update. Lu reported that she is sending out individual solicitations to writers and artists that she knows and agreements to participate are coming in. Lu will need help from board members to identify people in Columbia and Suwannee counties to solicit or interview for this project. The project will require a digital media editor, a co-editor to work with Lu on organizing the material, and a website/story map creator. Lu indicated that she would like to approach Three Rivers Trust for funding for those parts of the project; John indicated that group might be receptive to such a request. Lu will develop a budget for the project, in conjunction with potential collaborators, as the project moves farther along.

11. Suggestions for future projects and events. Judy suggested a book launch/social event for the biography project and Lu suggested a website launch/social event, since the website will be launched before a book could be published. The ability to hold such a public event or events will depend upon status of the COVID-19 virus.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Other new business. None.

13. Upcoming meeting dates for 2020. John reminded us that we traditionally skip a meeting in the summer. Board members agreed to skip the August meeting and that we will not meet in December. Upcoming meeting dates are: Jul. 28; Sept. 22; Oct. 27; and Nov. 24.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt
Staff Assistant