

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021
via Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present

Eric Flagg
Bruce Robinson
Bob Ulanowicz

Advisory Board Members Present

Judy Sayre

Others Present

Lucinda Merritt

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE MEETING AGENDA

IA Vice President Bruce Robinson chaired the meeting.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

2. *Approval of July meeting minutes.* Tabled.

3. *Staff Assistant's reports, July-August.* Tabled.

4. *Membership report.* The report was emailed to the board ahead of the meeting.

5. *Treasurer's report.* The report was emailed to the board ahead of the meeting.

6. *Science Team report.* Tabled. Lu will try to find an alternate to give this report when Jaime Lynn Bach is traveling.

OLD BUSINESS

7. *Nov. 4 OSFR/IA cooperative Wilder Heart of Florida writers' event at Rum 138, update and decisions needed:*

- *Can IA contribute \$100 for travel costs for the MC, Leslie Kemp Poole, co-editor of The Wilder Heart of Florida, who is traveling from Winter Park to High Springs for the event?* Lu reported that Leslie will travel from Winter Park (Orlando area) to MC the event and will stay in our area overnight. Based on federal mileage reimbursement costs, Leslie would be paid slightly over \$150 for round-trip mileage. Lu suggested to OSFR that her stipend should be an even \$200, to give her some extra money for meals, and the OSFR board has agreed to that amount and has agreed to split that cost with IA, pending IA approval. Lu asked the IA board for approval to give Leslie \$100, bringing Leslie's travel stipend to \$200. **This request was approved.**
- *Is someone available to staff an IA information table the evening of the event?* **Unclear.** Lu will ask Merrillee about sharing IA information at an OSFR table if there are plans for OSFR to have a table at the event.
- Lu asked for help sharing information about the event, including the Facebook event page that is now posted here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1255862898186313>
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8. *MFL update.* Lu reported that work on the recovery plan is ongoing at the Suwannee River and St. Johns River water management districts and that SRWMD is still aiming to have the Florida Legislature approve the MFL rule in its 2022 session.

9. *Update on website work for ichetuckneealliance.org.* Lu reported that the re-design and reorganization of our old website to put more emphasis on the activities of the Alliance is 99.9% complete. New material will be added to that site as necessary and to our other site, Beloved Blue River, as it submitted and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

10. *Can IA help with a river cleanup event on Jan. 16, 2022? Help is requested by Sara Curtis, Field Experience Intern with UF's Department of Recreational Sports.* No one was available to help with this project. Eric Flagg suggested that Lu should refer Sara Curtis to Kings of the Springs, which Lu agreed to do.

11. *Should IA revive "Water Voices" in an online/Zoom format, with some subjects to be drawn from material on Beloved Blue River website?* The group thought this was a good idea. Lu will explore it further and try to locate someone who can give her a tutorial on moderating Zoom webinars that may be larger than our directors' meetings. She will bring a proposal to the October board meeting.

12. Should IA create a "gift membership" page on our website and offer a keepsake to people who receive gift memberships? Lu reported on this idea that she has discussed with Stewart Thomas. Based on feedback in discussion, she will pursue it further and report back. She will bring a proposal to the October board meeting.

13. Update on "Messages from the Springs Heartland" Gainesville Sun series. Lu reported on progress on this new series that will start in October, which she was invited to participate in by Nathan Crabbe at *The Gainesville Sun*. There are opportunities for IA board members to contribute columns.

14. FSC Springs Summit has been postponed until April 8-10, 2022. Lu announced the date change necessitated by the delta variant's spike in COVID-19 cases.

15. Last board meeting this year is Oct. 26, 2021. There will be no meetings in November or December. Do we want to keep the same meeting schedule, fourth **Tuesdays** of the month, for 2022? Tuesday is problematic for Bob Ulanowicz and Wednesday and Thursday are problematic for Eric Flagg. Lu will check with John Jopling and Mark Smith to find out about their availability on Mondays.

16. Other new business? None.

17. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt
Staff Assistant