Apalachee Audubon Board Minutes

March 11, 2020

6:30 – 8pm, Audubon Florida Office

Submitted by Donna Legare, Secretary

**Board members attending**: Peter Kleinhenz, Donna Legare, Peter Kelly, Chase Brestle, Kathleen Carr on facetime, Liz Schold, Ben Rangel, Elizabeth Georges, Harvey Goldman

**Interns attending:** Nelson Ball

**We approved February minutes submitted by Ben Rangel. Elizabeth will post on website.**

**Old Growth Forest Designation at Wakulla Springs**, March 18 at 11am. Kathleen, Peter and Amelia plan to attend. Others are encouraged to attend. **Update: program canceled**.

**Climate Change Advocacy Training (Ben)** – Sunday afternoon, May 3 – open to all, offered by Florida Audubon, will provide examples of ordinances to bring to local commissioners

**Big Bend Environmental Forum BBEF (Peter)** – AAS pays $100/2year as a member along with other member organizations, Peter will be BBEF chair next year, they are trying to expand and diversify membership

**Programs**

**Doug Tallamy** – Everything is in order. Dr. Tallamy insists that he will not cancel. Kathryn Zeiwitz from our Tallamy committee reports that the auditorium at FAMU is confirmed as of this afternoon (Wednesday). We will proceed as planned. Kathryn wrote an excellent article about Dr. Tallamy’s latest book and the upcoming program. Donna will get her permission to include her article on AAS website as a blog. Dara suggests that we use a bird house of some type for collecting donations at program. Donations will pay for any overages and then will be split between AAS and FNPS Magnolia.

**Update:** FAMU decided to review our use of the auditorium as an exception to their closing of the university on Thursday morning (March 12) and decided against keeping the building open. Donna contacted Goodwood and they agreed to let us use their facility for $300. Donna contacted Dr. Tallamy again and he responded that he does not want to cancel. Donna was able to have the press release for the Friday Tallahassee Democrat changed reflecting the meeting at Goodwood rather than FAMU. Early Friday morning Donna heard a report on NPR about cases in Philadelphia (where Dr. Tallamy was to fly from), Maryland and Delaware. Donna checked into the Delaware cases – there were four confirmed cases related to the University of Delaware. After conferring with Peter and receiving input from board members and committee members, Donna canceled early Friday morning with Dr. Tallamy and requested rescheduling after the virus crisis is over.

**April Program** – Amelia and Bill would like to stay on the schedule but may have to cancel. Amelia requested that we have a backup plan just in case. Some suggestions: Travis McClendon, David Copps, Dean and Sally Jue. **Update**: Donna will hold off on this and see how the virus issue develops. We may not be able to hold a meeting in April.

**Banquet** – May program Jeff Vandermeer – Kathleen will meet with Peter Goren to plan the banquet.

**Lake Elberta Update (Nelson)**

Interns led youth from Walker/Ford Recreation Center to put up martin gourds at Lake Elberta on one field trip and then returned to watch martins. They also talked to Stem for Girls but were asked to speak on subjects out of their expertise which made them feel somewhat uncomfortable. In the future, AAS volunteers should speak on topics of their own choosing.

**More weeding** at Lake Elberta is needed.

**The FSU student project (flow of trash from FSU to Lake Elberta**) is on hold because of the FSU shut down. It may be possible for them to still report the status of project at Banquet. They are also supposed to speak to City and County Commissioners as part of their project – this is on hold.

**Lake Elberta bat house project** – this is another possibility with FSU students. Liz will work on this.

**Old Growth Dedication (Peter)**

Feb 21, 2021 - subcommittee has been meeting and will continue to meet throughout the next year. Possible forests – Fred George Greenway, Lost Creek Forest in Thomasville (honor Beth Grant at same time), looking for a city park as well.

**Blueprint Update**

**Coal Chute Update** – Donna, Jody and Elizabeth met with Charlie and gave input. They recommended several changes to the plan, including a large bed of goldenrod and other existing native grasses and other plants to be managed through mowing rather than planted wildflowers. AAS will provide a post and rope type of barrier to designate the bed.

**Boynton Update** – Earlier this year, we gave Charlie some ideas on how to make his plan more attractive to birds and other wildlife – mostly in trying to include more plant diversity. AAS will help establish a wildflower bed (initial weeding and watering of city planted wildflowers), with help from Master Gardener program. AAS will provide a post and rope type barrier to designate the bed.

**5-Year Plan Update** – April 15, 11:30am – Peter, Donna, Jody will attend. Please provide input on what you would like us to bring up. Email ideas to Peter. Liz volunteered to provide ecotourism stats. Donna would like Charlie and others to meet with the company that designed Sweetwater and Depot Park wetland in Gainesville. Other ideas – need more expertise/ecologist on board, establish a subcommittee to meet with Blueprint such as 1 AAS person, 1 FNPS person, etc.

**Jefferson County M-Core Meeting, March 24**

10-4 Task Force

4pm – public input – please try to go and give input

**Meeting adjourned 8pm. Next meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2020. (or not)**

**Treasurer’s Report** - Harvey submitted the following report after the meeting:

----Transactions:                  **Treasurer’s Report** 2019 - 2020 fiscal year -------------

8/ 8/19     NAS                 VENDOR PAYCCD 14328           $500    $24610.69

 8/21/19 982 Big Bend Forestry   1 hr work                     $125    $24485.69

 8/21/19 983 Peter Kleinhenz     NAS Scholarship award         $500    $23985.69

 8/23/19 984 NAS                 Michael Cunningham membership  $20    $23965.69

 8/23/19     Michael Cunningham  membership                     $20    $23985.69

 8/29/19 985 Natine Nurseries    Lake Elberta lanndscaping     $263.58 $23722.11

 9/10/19 987 Barbria Gardner     Lake Elberta Intern           $500    $23222.11

 9/10/19 988 Nelson Ball         Lake Elberta Intern           $500    $22722.11

 9/18/19 989 Peter Kleinhenz     Reimb                          $50    $22672.11

 9/19/19 990 Brian Moe           Tech Support                   $40    $22632.11 ?

 9/19/19 991 Pat Press           St Marks Monarch Festival      $65    $22567.11

 9/19/19 992 Bruce Means         Membership talk               $200    $22367.11

 8/22/19     NAS                 NAS 6086VENDOR PAYCCD 14328   $430    $22797.11

 9/ 5/19 986 Target Printing     Brochures                     $878.80 $21918.31

 9/23/19 993 Peter Kleinhenz     Audubon Assembly Registration $135    $21783.31

 9/23/19                         Paypal                         $48.60 $21831.91

10/ 1/19     Diana Graham        Donation                       $20    $21851.91

10/ 1/19     Charles McClure via Fidelity Charitable Donation $3000    $24851.91

10/ 1/19 994 Nat Aud Society     Audubon Adventures, 16 kits   $735.20 $24116.71 +.20

10/ 9/19 995 Ben Rangel          Aud Assembly Registration     $125    $23991.71

10/16/19 996 Friends of SMWR     5 bus trips title 1 Sch     $1250     $22741.71

             Friends of SMWR, PO Box 368, St. Marks, FL 32355-0368

10/19/19 997 Joanna Inhoff       Tech Support                   $40    $22701.71

         998 VOID

10/28/19 999 Nelson Ball         Reimbursement                  $71.86 $22629.85

10/29/19     T.Rowe Price,recommended Winnifred/Wolfgang Adolf $100    $22729.85

11/ 3/19 000 Preston Earley      Reimburse, Elberta planting    $30    $22699.85

11/ 3/19 001 Native Nurseries    Elberta Plants                $593.05 $22106.80

11/ 3/19 002 Habria Gardner      Elberta Refreshments           $52.03 $22054.77

11/ 6/19                         NAS membership check           $20    $22074.77

11/13/19 003 Kathleen Carr       Constant Contact 1yr +$20     $398    $21676.77

11/13/19 004                     Gloves for Lake Elberta        $17.18 $21659.59

11/13/19 005 Gail Fishman        Lake Elberta plants           $250    $21409.59

11/20/19     NATIONAL AUD6086VENDOR PAYCCD                    $2050    $23459.59 OK

11/21/19 006 Joanna Inhoff       Tech Support                   $40    $23419.59

10/ 1/19 994 NAS (correction)    Audubon Adventures, 16 kits       .20 $23419.79 +.20

12/ 2/19     Paypal                                             $48.60 $23468.39

12/ 4/19 007 Nelson Ball         Intern work                   $500    $22968.39

12[p/ 4/19 008 Harbria Gardner     Intern work                   $500    $22468.39

12/ 9/19     Paypal                                             $29.04 $22497.43

12/14/19 009 Kathleen Carr       Social expenses                $75.25 $22422.18

12/17/19     Amelia Fusaro & Bill Everitt   Donation         $1,000    $23422.18

12/19/19     Ed & Marylyn Feaver            Donation           $100    $23522.18

12/30/19     Hans Van Tol        Donation                       $25    $23547.18

 1/ 6/20 010 Kathleen Carr       Constant Contact/1 yr Nov     $378    $23169.18

 1/16/20 011 Joanna Inhoff       Tech Support                   $40    $23129.18

 1/16/20 012 Pat Press           SMWR festival                  $50    $23079.18

 1/20/20 013 FL Dept of State    Annual Incorp Report         $61.25   $23017.93

 1/22/20 014 Harbria Gardner     Intern work                 $250      $22767.93

 1/22/20 015 Nelson Ball         Intern work                 $250      $22517.93 OK

 2/ 3/20     Mary Ann McGourty   Donation                     $50      $22567.93

 2/ 3/20     Nancy Hamilton      Donation                     $50      $22617.93

 2/ 3/20     Sunnt Phillips      Donation                     $25      $22642.93

 2/ 5/20     NAS                 Annual                    $1,012.88   $23655.81

 2/10/20 016 Nelson Ball         expenses                    $118.33   $23537.48

 2/11/20 017 Michael Hill        supplies                     $33      $23504.48

 2/12/20 018 Native Nurseries    seeds,plants                $107.90   $23396.50

 2/17/20                         Backyard Bird Tour        $1,660      $25056.50

 2/17/20             Bernadette Walsh+Jerry Todd memberships  $40      $25096.50

 2/20/20 019 J or H Goldman      Tech Support reimburse       $40      $25056.50

 2/20/20 020 Kathleen Carr       Walsh & Todd NAS memberships $40      $25016.50

 2/20/20 021 VOID

 2/20/20 022 Stoddard Birdlab    Speaker donation            $200      $24816.50

 2/22/20 023 Kathy Carr [apalachee.org](http://apalachee.org/) Domain name to 5/24/22  $76      $24740.50

 2/26/20 024 Nelson Ball         Intern work                 $250      $24490.50

 2/26/20 025 Harbria Gardner     Intern work                 $250      $24240.50

 3/ 8/09 026 Big Bend Env Forum  2020 & 2010 Dues            $100      $24140.50

 3/11/20 027 Donna Legare        Tallamy Program              $78.13   $24062.37

 3/11/20 028 Nelson Ball         Lake Elberta                 $68.25   $23994.12

 3/11/20 030 Native Nerseries    Publicity                    $66.03   $23928.09

 3/19/20 029 Doug Tallamy        Speaker Fee

 3/19/20 031 Katheryn Ziewitz    Security &AV,Tallamy Talk

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 3/12/20                         Tallamy Talk donations     $2750      $26678.09

 3/19/20 031 VOID

 3/12/20 032 RV NUCCIO & ASSOC   Liabilty Ins thru 4/2/21    $315      $26363.09

 3/14/20 033 Native Nurseries    Tallamy Talk Refunds         $1000      $25363.09

 3/14/20 034 Donna Legare        Tallamy Talk Refunds          $1000      $24363.09

 3/14/20 035 Magnolia Chptr FNPS Tallamy Talk Refunds        $500      $23863.09

 3/14/20 036 Trillium Grdns Nrsry Tallamy Talk Refunds         $250      $23613.09