



Meeting Minutes: Three River Estates Property Owners, Fort White, FL. 32038

Date: May 9, 2023

1. Call to Order by G. Hunter
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call:

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>Officers:</u>	<u>Alternates:</u>
Glenn Hunter, Chairman	Terri Hester, President	Judy Brim
-Tom Tramel, Vice Chair/vac.	-Mickey Olson, Vice Pres./surgery	Mike Davis
Vonda Ackerson	-Vicky Imm, Treasurer/vac	Stephanie Watson
James Baker	Hilda Gilchrist, Secretary	
-John Bryant/sick		
Sammy Keen		
Tommy Matthews	<u>Park Manager</u>	
Rick Palm	Bill Brim	
Cathy Rieker		
-Wayne Sellers/vac.		
Charlee Thompson		

5. *Motion to approve those absent and move up 3 alts. tonight, by: V. Ackerson; 2nd, C. Thompson, motion passes*

6. *Approve Agenda: Motion by: C. Thompson; 2nd, V. Ackerson, motion passes.*

7. *Approve April Minutes : Motion by: C. Thompson; 2nd, V. Ackerson, motion passes.*

8. Secretary's report, H. Gilchrist, reported that she got bitten by a dog while she was walking on Riverside Ave. She doesn't want to take up meeting time, so she can write up a report. Also she reported she did not get a letter written; she needs for people to submit what in general the letter should say and who it's going to go to and then she'll be happy to write these letters.

9. Treasurer's Report, T. Hester for Vicky Imm:

Please refer to separate report for & P&L chart.

Seacoast Bank Account for 2023:

Checking bal:	\$57,635.34	Monthly Checks:	\$ 15,458.45
Savings:	50,039.69	Auto Drafts:	607.07
Memberships:	68,919.82	Total Expenditures:	\$ 16,065.52
Total:	\$176,594.85		

Transf. to Reg. Checking: \$40,000.00

Interest-Reg. Ckg:	.00
Interest-Savings:	.00
Deposits-Reg. Ckg:	865.50
Deposits-Mem Ckg:	3,664.50
Electronic Deposits (Est.):	2,227.00

Total Deposits: \$ 6,757.00

The fish fry brought in \$907.24 which essentially covered most expenses.

Motion to approve Treas. Report by: C. Thompson; 2nd, C. Rieker, motion passes.

10. President's Report, Terri Hester:

Couple of concerns.... At Boat Ramp Park people are bringing in 2 boats with one key. Letters need to be written to a member who cursed out a gate greeter.

11. Park Managers Report, Bill Brim: please refer to separate report by Park Manager. Chairman notes that if we perceive eminent danger we're compelled to take action. It's really all about safety and security of our parks, and our members and guests have to abide by the rules.

12. Maintenance Committee Report, Tommy Mathews

Pavillion Contractor is in process of obtaining a permit & engineered plans.

13. Communications Committee:

Membership update: V. Ackerson

Columbia County: 695

Suwanee County: 247

Total: 942

Camera Security Update, Charlee Thompson:

Working on getting cameras for Point Park. Next is Boat ramp.

14. New Business:

Chairman notes there will be a Closed board meeting at 5:00 on May 23rd with Mr. McCarty, according to Statute 720, only officers, board members and alternates are to attend.

15. Old Business:

*S. Watson complains that Jet ski's and boats are very aggressive on the lche. Her daughter almost got hit.

*Chairman noted that she should report that.

*Crystal River was able to restrict boats within 1000 feet of the spring.

*Chairman noted that a group was working on this and H.Gilchrist explained that the citizen/Member that requested the exception requested no motorized vessels. What we need is to find another member willing to ask FWC to apply restrictions for what is in the Senate Bill 1086 that was passed by Governor DeSantis in 2022.

This bill amends the Florida Statutes and gives FWC latitude when dealing with many common powerboating problems and it also specifically gives them the authority to create PROTECTION ZONES in springs and spring runs. These protection zones would be a great benefit to springs ecology and restoration efforts in springs that are heavily trafficked by powerboats. The bill has seen a lot of opposition from boaters that want to continue to treat the state's springs as their backyard bar and septic tank.

Among other things the amended statute addresses no wake zones, boat speed zones, and gives the state the authority to restrict boat access, anchoring, mooring and beaching in 1st-3rd magnitude springs where there is evidence of harm. So yes, it could be used to protect shorelines, submerged vegetation and water quality. It gives the FWC the authority to do it. The question now is when, or will, they exercise that authority.

It is different than the protections already in place because FWC is an enforcement agency and they have officers in the field that can, will and do patrol. DEP rules are broken everyday because they aren't out in the field to enforce them.

*Chairman noted that NO WAKE needs to be declared and enforced, and another thing could be considered would be based on elevation of the river. 6-10 is too low!!! Boats are tearing the bottom up. Many places are restricted for over 10 HP motors.

May be worthwhile to reconstitute the group and request more reasonable controls.

*J. Nano asked about petition to the state, and said she would look into it when she was reminded that J. Crane's wife May have info.

16. Open Property Owner's Comments: none

17. Next meeting: June 13, 2023 at 7:00.

Adjourn: 7:32 p.m.