

HEARTLAND CHAPTER MEETING
Tenoroc Public Use Area – Lakeland
November 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by David Waldrop, chapter co-chair. New members and visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were provided for members to read. Jan made a motion to accept the minutes Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Report – As of 11/2/18 there were 127 memberships and 165 members. Jan suggested that we try to contact those who have dropped. Judy Linebaugh, Membership Chair, will contact them through e-mail.

Treasurer's Report – As of September 10, 2018 there was \$2563.77, paid out \$284.00 with no deposits for a total of \$2279.77 as of 11/1/18. Eileen made a motion to accept, Jan seconded. Motion passed. Working on getting the state treasurer as a signatory on our bank account.

Trail Coordinator Report

- Arbuckle – The Forest Service is still cutting the wood burned during forest fire. The trail is closed in that section. Trail work will be planned when clearing is finished.
- Green Swamp East – Went out last Monday and cleaned the trailhead from Rock Ridge to Three Bridges. Trail is good. Another work day will be held on November 12th.
- KICCO – Volunteer work party in two weeks. Only have 4 signed up.
- Tenoroc – Broken equipment is being repaired. Trails are being widened as rain has caused trails to get narrower. The Red Trail is still wet, but will be repaired when the ground is solid and big trucks can get in with gravel. In October 70 hours of work has been done.

Old Business

- ✓ The Old Office building has been taken down and the site cleared. The Heritage Oak was left as decision has been made to sell the land and rent an office.
- ✓ 2018 State Conference was held at the Sanborn Center on Oct 5 – 7 to celebrate 50 years of the National Trails Act. About 450 people attended. The sessions and speakers were very good.
- ✓ National Public Lands Day was on September 22 at Highlands Hammock State Park. Four members attended from our chapter and cleared four trails.

New Business

- Significant damage was done to the Florida National Trail from Hurricane Michael. 2.8 million acres of forested land was destroyed in Florida. Are currently bringing in crews to clean and reopen the trails.
- The Small Hikes along Scenic Hwy 17 will be held on December 15th. It is an all-day affair. There will be 7 hikes that are less than a mile. There will be a van to shuttle hikers as there is not much parking. Lunch will be at the Crooked Bass Restaurant in Babson Park. Limited to 20 hikers and FTA members.
- FTA Board of Directors / Chapter Council Update – Nominations for the Florida Trail Association's 2019 Board of Directors are now being accepted. Voting will be online or by ballot in Footprint. FTA is wanting to hire an executive director and someone who will do fund raising.
- David would like to purchase a hedge trimmer. The cost would be \$530. FTA will pay half of the cost. Eileen made motion to purchase the hedge trimmer, Rhonda seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion:

- Next week's hike at Tenoroc has changed meeting place. Change will be put on meetup.
- Will need a new Activity Chair as of March as Eileen's term is up.
- Chapter will have a booth at the CCC festival at Highlands Hammock State Park on November 10th.

Eileen made a motion to adjourn. Wayne seconded.