

HEARTLAND CHAPTER MEETING

Circle B Bar Reserve – Lakeland

March 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Jan, chapter co-chair. Visitors and new members were recognized and welcomed.

Minutes – Minutes of the January meeting were provided for members to read. Eileen made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Monika seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Report – As of the end of January there were 126 memberships and 157 members.

Treasurer's Report – As of 1/8/19 there was \$1535.43. There were deposits of \$606.60 and paid out \$268.67 for a total of \$1873.36. A motion made by Eileen to accept the treasurer's report, Allen seconded. Motion passed

Trail Coordinator Report

- Arbuckle – Five people went out two weeks ago and worked on Paula Dockery Trail and almost finished to blue blazed side trail. More trail work is being planned. Looking for someone to be section leader.
- Green Swamp East – Trails are looking good right now. White trail does need some work.
- KICCO – Reroute on northern end was hard to maintain as we had no access. We have provided a lock therefore we now have access to this section and will be working on it at next work session.
- Tenoroc – Still has a deep-water hole. There are problems with getting it fixed. Monika will wait until next year and if not repaired the trail will be rerouted.
- Willingham – no report

Old Business

- FTA / Heartland elections are now going on. Vote on the Florida Trail web site. There will be a paper ballot in the next Footprint. Jan asked everyone to vote. David made a motion to keep Heartland Chapter's officers the same as last year, Alan seconded. Activity Chair position is still open.
- 3 major sections of FNST trail in the panhandle is still closed due to Hurricane Michael. It could take one to two years to clear this area. Forest service will be bringing in a crew. There is a bill going through the Legislature to fund Hurricane Michael restoration which if passed will help.
- David went with other officers of the FTA to DC for Hike the Hill to ask representatives for permanent re-authorization of the Land and Water conservation fund. The Land and Water conservation fund was permanently re-authorized while they were there.
- Reroute of the Florida Trail is being done in Panhandle area. It was on timberland property which was sold. New trail is going to be a beautiful 135-mile section along the Big Bend. Along with the reroutes that have been done or are on the schedule there are now less than 200 miles of trail that need to be rerouted.
- FTA inherited property. Two pieces are on Pine Island. Some of the property has been sold and money will go into fund which will hire an executive director.
- Lot where the original FTA office was located has been listed for sale.

New Business

- Highlands Hammock has invited the chapter to participate in their Earth Day Event on April 13 from 10 to 3.

Discussion:

- ✓ Jan is working on creating a newsletter for the chapter.
- ✓ If you are interested in being an Activity Leader realize that you must have first aid training. The class can be done online for \$25.00. Chapter will pay for this class.

Eileen made a motion to adjourn, Monika seconded. Motion passed.