

Walton County Snowbirds - Annual Business Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: By Bob Breetz, co-president at 10:02 am CST

Opening remarks: Bob Breetz welcome all snowbirds on behalf of Rev. Jim and Rev. Jo Popham, St. Andrew's by the Sea. Bob Breetz indicated that this property has been sold, so the Board is looking for alternative facilities for our Dec and last Gathering in Feb.

National Anthems: Both Canadian and American anthems were played and then the club recognized our military service men and women present when they were asked to stand.

Vivek Likhite Scholarship Presentation: We presented two \$1,000 scholarships to South Walton High School graduating students. They are funded through the donations from the 50-50 raffles, coordinated by Mike and Joanne Krueger. Dawn Meador, secretary at South Waltons High School, brought Bryan Delavara and Emma Szucs. Bryan is planning to attend Tallahassee State University studying Civil Engineering and Emma will attend Auburn University studying graphic design.

Children In Crisis Presentation. Kevin Maloney, CEO of Children In Crisis, accepted a check for \$2,866 from the sale of 250 coupon books and some very generous donations.

Secretary's Report: Peg Breetz indicated that all members received the 2024 annual minutes as an email attachment. Peg Breetz asked for any corrections as mailed. Hearing none, Carol Staiger made Motion to Accept and Kate Blundell Seconded. Motion Carried.

Final Membership Report: The president thanked Jane Barnsteiner & Joanne Disch for leading the registration effort. 642 members; 170 new; 84 Canadian; 33 States were represented.

Blood Drive: 32 donors for 38 pints donated. Thank you to Sandra Wallis who coordinated this with OneBlood. The date for 2026 has been set but was not announced.

Presentation of Volunteer of the Year Award(s): The Board had a difficult time narrowing down the many nominations to only one recipient. Therefore, 3 awards were given. The first was Kate Blundell, who is one of the friendly members who greets everyone as they arrive to register for the club and has put together the prizes for the Gatherings' drawing for the past 8 years. The second awardees were Jane Barnsteiner and Joanne Disch who have been managing the Registration process for the past several years, lead the weekly Wednesday evening discussion group and serve on the marketing committee. Our final recipient was Cindy Armstrong who is the face of our social media on Facebook and also leads one of the ukulele groups.

Treasurer's Report: Doris Federspiel presented. As a follow-up to our 2023-2024 fiscal year, the required IRS 990 was filed in June 2024. Summary of the financial statements for 2023-2024 indicates WCSB received income of \$53417 and expended \$48187 leaving a net surplus of \$5230. Our total interest income from all accounts this fiscal year is \$439.19. Total income this year is \$43253. Our expenses to date are \$41,582. We have two CD's totaling 10,130.13 and \$21,592.65 in the checking account and a \$500 deposit for next year's Dolphin Cruise. We successfully started taking credit cards this year for dues and activities, unfortunately fees have far outstripped the amount charged to members. The board will be looking at ways to make this more cost neutral. We also bought a credit card for the club to use for expenses. At this time, after anticipating future expenses and donations, we would expect to have an approximate net deficit of over \$2,000 at our fiscal year end on April 30, 2024 and have funds to cover this deficit. Highlights: We received \$12,560 in registration fees, \$1478 in fund raising from the 50/50 drawings and donations towards our scholarship donations and \$5000 from sales of coupon books for Children in Crisis. We raised an additional \$366 in donations for Children in Crisis. We will have awarded \$2,000 in scholarships, donated \$2,866 to Children in Crisis, and donated to Faith Assembly, St. Andrews Church by the Sea, and Village Church for the use of their facilities. We allowed non-members to join us on the Dolphin Cruise this year resulting in a profit of \$691.91. Coleen Smith made the motion to approve treasurer report and Peggy Thorp seconded. Motion carried.

Induction of Board for the 25-26 Season. Board nominations at present are:

Past Co-Presidents-- Peg and Bob Breetz;

Tri-Presidents--Carol Staiger, Jerry Orlowski, Peggy Thorp;

Co-1st Vice Presidents--Erika Murray and Bob Remenapp;

Co-2nd Vice Presidents—Open;

Secretary--Jackie Dunn;

Treasurers--Doris Federspiel and Ann Perkins;

Chief Information Officer--Sue Dawson.

Peg Breetz then asked for floor nominations 3 times, hearing none, Len Hoover made the motion to accept these board nominations as announced. Tom Nickelson seconded. Motion carried. Carol Staiger then thanked Peg and Bob Breetz for their leadership. The gavel, was then presented to the tri-presidents. Jim and Coleen Smith then presented Peg and Bob Breetz their past president badges.

Adjournment: Cindy Armstrong made a motion to adjourn, and Will Adamovich seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Dunn, secretary