

# **FRIENDS OF THE MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS FARM, INC.**

## **Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting**

**June 17, 2008**

**Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Station, Cross Creek, Florida**

**Submitted by Judith Harris, Secretary**

President, Dan Cantliffe called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Also present were:

Mickey Angell

Judy Harris

Murray Laurie

Eleanor Merritt

Andy Merritt

Shirley Page

Valerie Rivers

Jim Stephens

Absent: Robin Lauriault, Anne Pierce, Liz Pooley, Linda and Larry Santucci

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of March 18, 2008 by Murray Laurie, **SECOND** by, Andy Merritt, **MOTION PASSED**.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dan Cantliffe gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of Anne Pierce. **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the report by Jim Stephens, **SECOND** by Flo Turcotte, **MOTION PASSED**. There was no vote on the budget at this meeting.

## **Membership**

Membership is currently comprised of 11 honorary members, 38 life members, 127 current members with 37 overdue. Total 213. Valerie Rivers reports that newsletters are sent to people on the mailing list who indicate an interest.

## **Newsletter**

Murray Laurie stated she wants to confer with Flo Turcotte to go over historic photos for the website for our webmaster Jason . Dan says we do have video capabilities on the website. Murray is looking for photos of the Scrub Trip along with any other MKR Events. If you have pertinent photos from any of these events, please send them to Murray with captions. Anyone with ideas for the website is invited to contact Murray.

## **Grove**

Dan Cantliffe reports that Robin had soil samples taken from the MKR Farm . The results revealed the PH of the soil on both sides of the house, the garden and the grove to be very out of balance. Dan has sent the appropriate fertilizer to Sheila Barnes, at the MKR Home.

Old trees have been removed from the Grove and new trees are ordered. The planting of new trees in the Grove is on hold due to the ongoing drought. We are purchasing the trees; the State is purchasing the fertilizer.

The downed tree is still growing and will not be removed at present. Valerie Rivers wants the fence completed to past the garden area behind the house, (where the tree went down next to the old outhouse). Jim Stephens and Andy Merritt will work on that project.

## **State of the Farm**

Valerie Rivers stated her appreciation for the work of the CSO.

Budget cuts are imminent for the Park. Valerie will need \$4,000 to help the OPS Funds (OPS is part-time help, office and docents), since that is one of the big reductions by State, if the proposed budget cuts happen. Should the cuts go into effect the Park will be closed two days a week, open 5 days with only 4 tours daily commencing at 11:30AM on the days open. It is a 10% cut for our park, which is the smallest of 153 parks in 5 districts. Valerie will let us know the exact result of the budget cuts as soon as she is notified.

## **Old Business**

After some discussion **MOTION** by Shirley Page to accept the change in the dues structure, and to go ahead with the printing of the new membership cards, **SECOND** by Judy Harris.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

## **Fund Raising**

Sunday, August 3, 2008 will be the designated Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Birthday Party at the Home. Mickey Angell, Eleanor Merritt and Judy Harris will do the party from 2 to 4PM. Judy Harris will consult with the Rangers as to where on the property it will be. Last year it was held on the front porch.

## **New Business**

A fundraising dinner will again be held the last Saturday in January 2009. 18 seats will be for sale. Murray Laurie is already working on the invitation design and content.

Jim Stephens is donating 20 of his books that we will sell at the Cross Creek Festival on November 22<sup>nd</sup>., sale price to be \$20.00 each. Jim is investigating the possibility of The Yearling Restaurant as a point of sale for test marketing the calendars and his book.

Flo Turcotte, Murray Laurie, and Eleanor Merritt are researching historic photos for the next calendar project. A suggestion to put the John Moran color photo on the cover of the next calendar was made.

We are accepting applications for new Board Members. Please contact a Board Member, or the House should you be interested in serving on the Board of the Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Murray Laurie, **SECOND** by Eleanor Merritt. **MOTION PASSED**, meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.