

Executive Committee Meeting December 16th, 2016 at 1:30pm

Meeting called to order.

Board members introduced themselves to each other.

Ken Gunn sent a condolence card

John, Nancy, Bill, and Richard will be our Membership Task Force.

Let us try and partner with like minded agencies for petitions and/or letters to our Governor for a bigger response that cannot be ignored. A few of these agencies are listed below.

1. Save Florida Springs
2. Volusia Indian River Lagoon Coalition-Lamont to contact Mr. Chew about coordinating a mutual beneficial relationship between the two clubs.
3. Florida Defenders of the Environment tracks lawsuits re Amendment One issues.

We would like to join other Audubon chapters for additional field trips.

Joe has generously offered to pay for a pair of magnetic signs for group leader's car.

A discussion about design ensued. I brought up that we should utilize the same design as our business card logo and instead of the cardholder's name have our website address in the "cardholder name" area. The magnetic sign will help fellow birders find the leader as well as advertise our club to potential members.

Don will research the suggestion on redirecting SEVAS.org toward our existing website.

The biggest thing to work on is a Master Strategic Plan. We need to increase our membership and get younger people involved. Not one teacher requested an Audubon Adventures kit this year. We need to find out why. We need to get our youth involved. I have volunteered my husband Jake to contact his acquaintance from the school board to see if more interest can be generated for these classroom kits which promote environmental activities and fun scientific bird facts.

Causes attract youth. We need to get with Sierra Club, 1000 friends of Florida, and Florida Audubon to create a petition using Change.org to Clean up our Springs. By combining their membership with ours for petition signatures we will have more impact. Energize the club to become climate messengers

An Eagle Scout project was also suggested to benefit birding activity like the construction of a bird blind.

It was suggested to get with Marine Discovery Center to start Saturday morning bird walks in the hope of attracting more members.

The Tomoka Science fair will be held January 28th, 2017 at 730am
John has volunteered to be a Judge. Our club will provide \$100.00 prize.

Tuesday morning birding will start at 8am at Indian River Lagoon Preserve park beginning January 2017.

Check our website under "Prez Says" for more information on the sad condition of our Florida Springs.

A few field trips by other clubs are listed below:

February 10th Merritt Island north side birding trail led by Peggy Yokobonos

March 10th Brevard land fill led by SEVAS

March 17th Ocala National Forrest led by David Hartgrove

March 24th Lake Woodruff led by SEVAS

April 7th peacock's park led by SEVAS

December 18th will be the Christmas Bird count.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm

A few stayed to get the Christmas bird count information.