

Florida Oceanographic Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 24, 2019

Board Present: Allen Herskowitz, Board Chair, Pat Noonan, Matt King, John Amerling, Mark Cocorullo, Paul Hederman, Matt Hooks, Bob Mathias, Dan Merritt, Nancy Rand and Scott Turnbull

Board Present via Telephone: none

Staff Attendance: Mark Perry, Jo Marie Bruno

Not Present: Gary Goforth

Board Chair

Board Chair, Allen Herskowitz, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

Mission Moment: Stingrays born in GFL and mating habits of Stingrays, Brittany Biber, Director of Animal Care & Life Support.

Consent Items:

- A. Minutes from the Board Meeting – March 27, 2019
- B. Executive Director Reports – Education, Research, Animal Care, Operations and Development
- C. Committee & Task Group Reports
(See Board website for Minutes, Reports and details)

Board Action – The Chair requested approval of the Minutes from March 27, 2019 meeting and the consent agenda. They were voted on and approved.

Major Issues Discussion

Capital Campaign Update Pat Noonan, Vice Chair and Nancy Perry, CFRE

- \$4,953,431 committed/pledged
- 3 new gifts
- 9 meetings on agenda for month of May, forecast to bring in \$600,000
- Securing FIND Grant for hurricane relief repairs of boardwalks on nature trails and potential federal hurricane funds.

Financial Report, March 27, 2019 – Matt King, Treasurer

- Matt King presented the recent financial summaries. The details are summarized in the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 27, 2019. Mark Cocorullo made a motion to approve the March Financial Statements. It was seconded by Scott Turnbull, voted on and unanimously approved.

Capital Expansion Update – Facility Task Group – John Amerling, Chair

- Larry Zabik presented the Board with updates, no Board actions were needed
- The site plan has been amended due to height restrictions, and expect approval in June
 - Will not affect the current construction schedule
- Budget on Exhibits reviewed, marginally over on pricing
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2019, Larry Zabik invited Nancy Rand to attend and she accepted

- The bridges have been extended, rails have been lowered which will be better for visibility of the GFL and mesh will be applied in the areas necessary for the FWC regulation for the turtles in the GFL
- Revised elevation review and discussion, Nancy Rand suggested we acquire drone footage of this new height
- Larry Zabik mentioned that Hooks Construction has submitted their 100 page Safety Plan, and it still needs to be reviewed
 - Need to review schedule of construction to see if there are key dates where FOS grounds need to be closed for safety
 - Items on safety to be clarified, a call needs to be arranged with Gary Goforth, Larry Zabik, Hooks Construction and Mark Perry.
 - In addition to safety plans, a hurricane storm plan needs to be considered during the course of construction
- 3 weeks behind schedule, no changes to budget
- Review of processes from Zabik: Change Order, Invoice Approval, Pay Application
 - Scott Turnbull will look at BOD bylaws for increasing the number of assigned Board Members to have signature authority for payables

Election of Officers – Nominations – Scott Turnbull, Chair

- Mark Cocorullo nominated to stay on FOS Board and serve an additional term
- Executive Committee nominations:
 - Matt King will remain Treasurer
 - Pat Noonan will remain Vice Chair
 - Allen Herskowitz will remain Chair
 - Gary Goforth will not remain Secretary, but will stay on FOS BOD
 - Bob Mathias nominated to be Secretary by Allen Herkowitz, a motion was made by Scott Turnbull, seconded by Mark Cocorullo, voted on and unanimously approved.
- Motion was made by Scott Turnbull, seconded by Mark Cocorullo, to approve the nominations as presented. Voted and unanimously approved.
- Committee assignments will be approved by May 22, 2019 Board Meeting.
- Scott Turnbull recommended Linda Houston as a new board member, Nancy Rand agreed that she would be a great asset.
 - Allen Herskowitz made a motion to approve this nomination, Scott Turnbull seconded, voted on and unanimously approved
- Discussion on holding Board meetings through the summer, majority of BOD members will be around and will look at detail for scheduling meetings.

Advocacy Task Group – Mark Perry

- Review of Lake Okeechobee reports
- South Florida Ecosystems Restoration Task Force meeting scheduled

- Review of EPA, IRL NEP site visit from April 24, 2019
- Review of Tallahassee visit with The Everglades Coalition

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm. The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2019 at 3:00pm at the Coastal Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Allen Herskowitz, Chair of the Board of Directors and recorded by Jo Marie Bruno, Director of Business Administration and Operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Mathias, Secretary of the Board of Directors
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