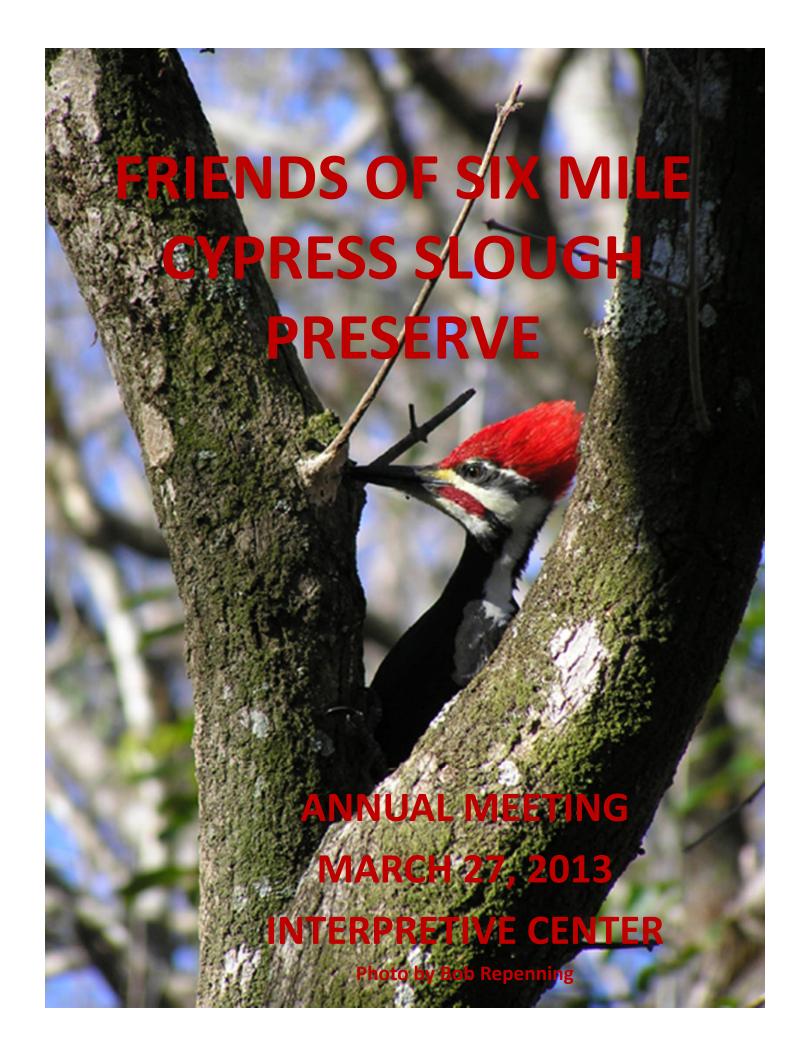


Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve



Agenda

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Annual Meeting - March 27, 2013 Interpretive Center

Welcome

Carolyn Babb, President

Announcements

Annual Report

Theresa Roake, Secretary

Nominating Committee Report

These current board members are proposed for reelection for an additional term of two years: Carolyn Babb, President Charles O'Connor, Vice President Jeff Key, Board Member

Election

General Membership

Introduction of Board of Directors

Carolyn Babb

Introduction of Bob Repenning, Land Steward, Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

Board of Directors

Carolyn Babb

Charles O'Connor Vice President

Theresa Roake Secretary

Frank Murray Treasurer

Donna Cressman

Jeff Key

Terri Krass

Bernie MacDonald

Jean Labriola Scholz

Steve Tutko

Mary Rude, Lee County Parks and Recreation

President

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Staff

- Jim Geissler, Senior Supervisor
- Mary Rude, Supervisor
- Heather Gienapp, Senior Program Specialist
- Bob Repenning, Land Steward
- Andy Gurri, Maintenance Specialist

Minutes of Annual Meeting March 28, 2012

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Board of Directors March 28, 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by President Carolyn Babb Everyone was welcomed and Carolyn Babb read her message and presented reports from 2011.

Donna Cressman, Terri Krass and Theresa Roake were elected as new members on Board for two year terms.

Frank Murray, Jean Labriola Scholz and Steve Tutko were reelected for an additional term of two years.

Carolyn Babb made introduction of Board of Directors.

Amy Bennett Williams author and reporter at The News Press presented "Along the Caloosahatchee"

Board Election – Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee proposes the re-election of the following Board Members for an additional term of two years:

Carolyn Babb, President Charles O'Connor, Vice President Jeff Key, Board Member

Additional nominations from the Floor may be submitted at this time.

President's Message

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Annual Meeting 2013

The Friends have had another outstanding year at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. Membership remains constant and donations continue to be made to support the protection, preservation and promotion of the Slough.

The list of accomplishments for 2012 is phenomenal. Our members just keep giving and giving, more and more their hours and their money. Members that take other members on field trips to Lee County preserves such as Hickey's Creek and Bird Rookery Swamp. Volunteering at summer camp, working in the butterfly garden, leading guided walks on the boardwalk in the day time for kindergarten kids to real estate agents, and by the full moon (or not, in the dark), off the boardwalk in the water, working in the Slough clearing exotic vegetation, stacking tree limbs, picking up garbage. If it involves the health and well being of the Slough, the Friends are there.

The photo contest continues to grow and the talent gets better and better. In 2012 there were 95 photographers and almost 500 photos. The judges were shocked and awed at the talent exhibited by the entrants, especially the youth.

Friends Corner is fully staffed and making money. This year the profit exceeded last year at over \$4,000. We couldn't be this successful without the volunteers hard work and dedication. Some days the cash register is determined to get the best of the workers but our workers always come out victorious. Thank you to all of them and keep up the great work.

President's Message

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We are still adding resources to the Blake Cadkin Memorial Library. Friends members are helping to catalog all of the books and CDs. Another member has spent hours providing information and links on the library computers to aid in our education about the Slough and Florida flora and fauna. The Friends members talents are endless and tireless.

Friends' Treasurer Frank Murray provides the guidance and support for our financial well being. The Florida tax man, the federal government guys, the insurance broker - he keeps them all satisfied. And he manages to keep all of my notes about board commitments and invoices from the store in order. I cannot thank him enough for all of his efforts.

A big thank you to Lee County for our continuing partnership. We will continue to work to do all we can with them, not only for the Slough but in any way that we can.

The entire Board of Directors deserves a giant round of applause for all of their hours and hard work this past year. It was a busy and eventful year, but wonderfully gratifying. It is so easy to work with this group of people. Thank you to the Advisory Board for your support and time as well.

To Mary Rude, Heather Gienapp, Bob Repenning, Andy Gurri and Jim Geissler, thank you for all you do for the Slough and for the Friends. Your support is never ending.

Thank you to all of the members for your continued support. 2013 looks to be even bigger and better. I am excited to see what the future holds at the Slough and with the Friends.

Thank you to all of my Friends. See you in the Slough.

Carolyn Babb President

Friends 2012 Accomplishments

Wet walks for 150 visitors

Friends field trips including

Hickeys Creek Preserve

Bird Rookery Swamp

Caloosahatchee Regional Park

Matanzas Pass Preserve

Speakers for Gatherings including

Dr. Jerry Jackson, FGCU

Bob Repenning, State of the Slough

Amy Williams, News Press, Along the Caloosahatchee

On line store

Camp scholarships for 20 campers

Summer camp supplies and speakers

Summer camp volunteers

Photo contest 95 photographers, 480 photos

Summer camp intern compensation

Four new benches on boardwalk

Plants in butterfly garden

Volunteer thank you gifts

New tripods for spotting scopes

New spotting scope

Books, CDs, DVDs for Blake Cadkin Resource Library

Binoculars for guided walks

Special Events committee represented Friends at

Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival

Burrowing Owl Festival

Crew Wildflower Festival

Volunteer of the year

Complete 2012 Annual Report Available at www.sloughpreserve.org



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Steve Tutko

Parks and Recreation Liaison

Mary Rude, Supervisor Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve To: Board of Directors Subject: Finances 2012

I am pleased to confirm our continued strong ability to support Six Mile Cypress Slough and its Interpretive Center financially through net income of \$22,142 during 2012. Our direct support to Slough activities, displays and other purposes totalled \$14,224.77.

It is notable that income included Ted Pruss' extraordinary \$5,000 gift in memory of his wife, Carole, a Slough volunteer whose loss also was memorialized by seven other donors.

Membership dues totalled \$11,250, including three patron members.

Bookstore sales increased about 35% to \$16,784 over 2011, with net revenue from the store at \$4,400, after expenses, and purchases for inventory.

Visitors' cash donations via the Boardwalk donations box and the Interpretive Center jar were up 14% to \$4,331.96.

Frank Murray, Treasurer

Submitted by

Balance Sheet

Friends of Six-Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2012

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ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings	
1000 - Current Assets 1050 - Bank of America accounts 1050.1 - BoA Main Checking 1050.2 - BoA Savings MM 1050.3 - BoA Bookstore check 1050.4 - Time Deposits CDs	6,743.73 32,879.52 2,092.98 55,000.50
Total 1050 - Bank of America accounts	96,716.73
1300.1 - Bookstore petty cash 1300.2 - Bookstore inventory on hand	1,073.00 13,001.91
Total 1000 - Current Assets	110,791,64
Total Checking/Savings	110,791.64
Other Current Assets 1300 - Other Current Assets 1040 - Petty cash (Treasurer)	60.42
Total 1300 - Other Current Assets	60.42
Total Other Current Assets	60.42
Total Current Assets	110,852.06
TOTAL ASSETS	110,852.06
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities	
Current Liabilities Other Current Liabilities 2001 - Liabilities 2001.2 - Blake Cadkin Memorial Fund 2005 - State Sales Tax payable	7,925.73 294.85
Total 2001 - Liabilities	8,220.58
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,220.58
Total Current Liabilities	8,220.58
Total Liabilities	8,220.58
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Equity 3001 - Opening Bal Equity 3010 - Unrestrict (retained earnings) Net Income	13,083.57 96,529.01 22,118.90
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Income and Expenses

Friends of Six-Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Income & Expenses Summary

January through December 2012

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dinary income/Expense		
4000 · Revenue		
4000.1 - Contributions, Gifts, Grants		
4001.1 - InterpCtr, Preserve, Displays	7.411.00	
4001.2 - Blake Cadkin Fund donations	480.00	
4002 - Program rev, govt grants fees	1,115.00	
4008 - Donations box & IC Jar	3,756.96	
4000.1 - Contributions, Gifts, Grants - Other	575.00	
Total 4000.1 - Contributions, Gifts, Grants	13,337.96	
4000.9 - Transfer to designated accts	-480.00	
4003 - Membership revenue		
4003.1 - Membership, Student \$10	10.00	
4003.2 - Membership, individual \$20	1,200.00	
4003.3 - Membership, Contributing \$50	1,900.00	
4003.4 - Membership, Supporting \$100	3,120.00	
4003.45 · Membership, Associate \$250	500.00	
4003.5 - Membership, Sustaining \$500	1.500.00	
4003.7 - Patron \$1000	3,000.00	
4003 - Membership revenue - Other	20.00	
Total 4003 · Membership revenue	11,250.00	
4004 - Interest earned	278.38	
4006 - Special events	CONT. C.	
4006.1 - Photo Contest	741.23	
Total 4006 - Special events	741.23	
4009 - Bookstore-Interpretive Center		
4009.01 - Bookstore sales		
4009.1 - Bookstore credit sales	9,600.70	
4009.2 - Bookstore cash sales	8,275.22	
4009.4 - Charges to Sales		
4009.81 - Fla Sales tax collected/paid	-1,023.43	
4009.82 - Sales tax collection fee earned	30.71	
Total 4009.4 - Charges to Sales	-992.72	
Total 4009.01 - Bookstore sales	16,883,20	
4009.5 - Bookstore Overhead		
	4.445.00	
4009.51 · Credit processing fees	-1,116.98	
4009.52 · Insurance Bookstore	-1,115.60	
4009.55 - Misc expenses	-319.40	
Total 4009.5 - Bookstore Overhead	-2,551.98	
4009.6 - Purchases for resale	-9,569.47	
4009.9 - Adjust Inventory asset account	-486.43	
4009 - Bookstore-Interpretive Center - Other	124.03	
Total 4009 - Bookstore-Interpretive Center	4,399.35	
Total 4000 - Revenue	29,526.9	
Total Income	29,526.9	
Gross Profit	29,526,9	
	23,020	
Expense		
5000 - Expenses		
5009 - Granta, etc. paid	250 0000 000	
5009.1 - Displays and Slough	3,957.82	
5009.2 - Interpretive Center support		
5009.23 · Scholarships Summer Camp	533.00	
5009.25 · Summer Camp support (other)	1,131.32	
5009.2 - Interpretive Center support - Other	3,028.63	
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Total 5009.2 · Interpretive Center support	4,692.95	

Income and Expenses

Friends of Six-Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Income & Expenses Summary

January through December 2012

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5009.3 - Cadkin Fund Resource Purchases 5009.5 - Program Expenses (other)	4,252.00 1,345.10	
Total 5009 - Grants, etc. paid	14,247.87	
5009.9 - Charges to Designated Accounts 5016 - Other Expenses	-9,342.07	
5016.1 - Permits Taxes Fees 5016.2 - Office supplies 5016.3 - Postage	136.25 256.52 486.30	
5016.4 - Printing, shipping 5016.5 - Insurance (Main org) 5016.6 - Miscellaneous	95.82 1,264.21 263.12	
Total 5016 - Other Expenses	2,502.22	
Total 5000 - Expenses	7,408.02	
Total Expense	7,408.02	
Net Ordinary Income	22,118.90	
Net Income	22,118.90	

Membership

For 2012 Annual Report

Totals by Quarter

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1 st Quarter Totals					
Renewing Members	35	34	47	57	51
New Members	9	13	4	21	10
2 nd Quarter Totals					
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Renewing Members	48	20	10	19	18
New Members	8	5	1	5	8
3 rd Quarter Totals					
Renewing Members	18	20	22	15	14
New Members	7	4	3	3	3
4 th Quarter Totals					
Renewing Members	35	34	29	24	25
New Members	4	10	2	3	3

Annual Membership Snapshot

Annual Membership Snapshot	As of 3/6/11	As of 3/24/12	As of 3/24/13
Lifetime	3	3	3
Honorary	6	5	11
Donor	4	7	8
Guest	9	3	0
Patron \$1000	5	4	2
Sustaining \$500	1	6	6
Corporate Sponsor \$500	0	0	1*
Associate \$250	2	3	4
Supporting \$100	39	37	36
Contributing \$50	49	54	59
Individual \$20	80	80	76
Student \$10	3	4	3
Inactive 2+ years	21	4	2
Total Membership	222	210	211

^{*} Ft. Myers Airport Hotel (Supporting member level)

Communications

Annual Meeting 2012
Communications
March 2013
Carolyn Babb, Editor
Bruce Bunch, Copy Editor

In 2012 there were two ten page issues and two eight page issues of Connections that were created and distributed.

January 2012 April 2012 July 2012 October 2012

Contributors included Mary Rude, Supervisor Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, Heather Gienapp, Senior Program Specialist, Bob Repenning, Land Stewardship, Mary Murray and Jean Labriola Scholz, Membership, Frank Murray, Treasurer, Dr. Charles O'Connor, Education, Janet Bunch, Special Events, Dotty Brown, Theresa Roake, Steve Tutko, Bruce Bunch

The newsletter is printed at the Lee County Parks and Recreation Office.

 Email communication was sent regularly to the membership as reminders of meetings and events.

Events and meetings were publicized in local newspapers including the News Press, the Naples Daily News, the Florida River Weekly and the Daniels Corridor publication.

Education

Slough Summer Camp Scholarships

Twenty scholarships were awarded to local youngsters. A good time was had by all. In addition, a \$500 stipend was awarded to the Camp's Summer Intern for her assistance at Summer Camp.

Summer Public Wet Walks 2011

approximately nine summer trips along the wet walk trail, which is usually closed to the public. The wet walks were led by Charles O'Connor, and the walkers offered very favorable comments at the conclusion. Folks really enjoyed the beauty of the trail, and learning about the uniqueness of the ecology. Quite a few were repeat participants, and many joined through word of mouth. Donations collected paid for some of the cost associated with Slough field trips for 220 Lexington Middle School students.

Education cont'd

Speakers for 2012

January – **Dr. Jerry Jackson**, renowned ornithologist and naturalist. *Surprise Eyes – Downy Plumage of Ducklings*.

February - **Bob Repenning**, Land Stewardship Coordinator, State of the Slough, 2012

March – **Amy Bennett Williams**, journalist for the News-Press and author of *Along the Caloosahatchee River*

April - Cindy Bear, Coordinator, Randell Research Center, Calusa History

Speakers for 2013

January – **Neil Wilkinson**, FGCU – *Reconnecting Children with Nature*

February – **Roger Clark**, First Lee County Land Steward, Ecosystem Services and the Economic Value of Conservation Lands

March -Bob Repenning, Six Mile Cypress Slough and Lakes Park, Land Stewardship Coordinator, *Annual State of the Slough Address*.

April -Rosie Emery, WGCU singer/songwriter, environmental educator and television producer. For twenty years she has focused on writing songs for children about animals and nature imparting the understanding of how all of life is interconnected.

Special Events

Special Events 2012

Janet Bunch, Special Events Chairperson made sure the Slough was represented at the following events in 2012:

Burrowing Owl Festival CREW Wildflower Festival

Ding Darling Days Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival

Friends Field Trips 2012

Janet Bunch, Carolyn Babb and Mary Murray organized field trips for Friends members in 2012. These trips are very popular and typically had the maximum number of participants. This is an excellent way for our members to gain more knowledge of the flora and fauna in our natural places to play. Places we visited this year included:

Hickey's Creek Bird Rookery Swamp

Caloosahatchee Regional Park Bowditch Point

Matanzas Pass Preserve Billy's Creek

Yellow Fever Creek

Advocacy

Our mission as Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve continues to be the commitment to preserving, protecting and promoting our wonderful friend the Slough.

In 2012, we continued to monitor the status of Conservation 20/20 funding. In addition, we are awaiting further developments regarding the possibility of current Lee County Parks facilities transferring to the Conservation 20/20 Program.

Photo by Bill Hofer

Website

Currently, the website at www.sloughpreserve.org features our events and some brief information on the Preserve. Areas of possible expansion include posting photos and providing a link to our mobile app. In addition, it would be nice to have integration with our social media. If you have an interest in helping out in this area or have any suggestions, please contact Jeff Key at (239) 822 6087.

FRIENDS CORNER



TOTAL SALES FOR 2012	\$16,784
PROFIT	\$ 4,400
INVENTORY VALUE	\$13,001
25 VOLUNTEER WORKERS	

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS CORNER HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS!

