

KPPSP Friends meeting
Oct 17, 2015
FINAL minutes

1) Call to order: called to order 12:15 PM

a) roll call: five board members present (Attachment 1)

Donna Bollenbach, Board

Christina Evans, Board

Paul Gray, Board

Deen Mountain, Board

Tim Kozusko, Board

Evan Hall, KPPSP manager

Stan Czaplicki, citizen

b) approve previous minutes: CE move, DB second, unanimous approval

c) approve agenda: No changes to the agenda

2) Treasurer report: new balance is \$14,119, which is higher (Attachment 2). People think the new report formats from My Paper Pusher are an improvement
CE doesn't know what a \$100 withdrawal was, possibly Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce payment,
CE will follow up

3. Manager's Report:

Jen Benson is still working on the dark skies application:

KPPSP did a light inventory. Front sign has lights facing upwards and needs to be redone. Evan suggests putting signs up facing down. And front street light is not compliant but not under our control.

Stan suggested putting a solar light on. **CE and Stan will look in to getting a solar lighting system**, give us a quote and we can vote over email

Evan requests meetings to be set on an annual schedule? **Agreed to set next year's 4 meetings at the December 12th** meeting.

KPPSP burned 22,000 acres this year; have obtained funding for 3 exotic plant positions; Evan reports it is hard to find exotic plant control people, former worker Brittany left even after another job offer. KT FERG is a possibility, can we place job post on Friends FB page? [done].

KPPSP hosted a *Scleria* tour last week with FWC and Audubon attending. The group will follow up with helicopter mapping of the plant distribution toward future control efforts.

~100 hogs removed since April/May, KPPSP was paying for removal but the contract is over. They are looking at new options

Report on DEP staffing, Statewide report, showed Preserve is very short staffed.

Triple Diamond Ranch is for sale and asking for \$25M. It is on the open market and available to Florida Forever). Dean Saunders the realtor.

Florida Grasshopper Sparrow: 4 males this year confirmed, more unconfirmed, one female spotted. A marked bird was detected at KPPSP and a private ranch this year (it went back and forth). Techs Mark

Lafurno, Shayna Jacques, and Missy Clauson were funded by Audubon's Ordway-Whittell trust fund, along with equipment (scopes, ATV parts, drone for habitat assessment (fun to use))

Conspecific attraction study: Play FGSP songs to see if it attracts birds. It didn't work, used long song at first, switched to short song, another *Ammodramus* species (Cape Sable Sea-side Sparrow) has had success, but not here this year. Might have utility on Three Lakes WMA to pull FGSP to un-used areas.

Dylan Kilpatrick visited, told family history/info about Kilpatrick Hammock. He was not born here but visited a lot, said prairie looks like when he was a kid. KPPSP might raze the old cow camp building but would have historical resources folks document it first

Okeechobee Battlefield State Park may officially open in a couple months. We need to see if there useful links between Battlefield and KPPSP groups. Next meeting is Nov 3, can we send folks to meet them? Paul will share meeting announcement and if enough of us could attend, will call Shawn Henderson to set up an agenda slot [postscript note: The November date did not work for us so we will pursue future meetings]

10-year plan for KPPSP is still evolving. Mark Kiser is head of state process. The draft is in the District office for review, will go out for public input next, then go to the ARC.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Meeting schedule: next meeting on December 12.

BOOTH EXHIBITS: Paul did a booth for Kissimmee Prairie Friends and Audubon at the Okeechobee Heritage Day Festival by pulling together random materials.

We need standardized booth materials. We could meld with KPPSP booths at local events.

Music Festival coming up March 4, 5, AND 6, Okeechobee outdoor festival coming up

Donna recommends Velcro set-up with 3 panels, 72"x36" (each panel 2x3 feet) which is \$136.21 from Displays to Go

Banner and panel probably cost less than \$250 or so

CE and DB will work on designs and materials and share with committee for email development

[\[approved by email vote of board 11/30/15 with TK, CE, DB, DM and PNG voting yes\]](#)

5) POST PLANT WALK DISCUSSION

Sent follow-up message for feedback: positive feedback, one guy said it was life-changing experience.

We had 62 active members before the walk and 75 after. Should we require membership for some events?

CE still going to do blog [postscript: done]

We need a list for what needs to be ready day of event—an equipment and task list (Tim). For example, Buggy wasn't ready; bales not on trailer; we need to tell people what buggy trip they will be on (before meeting); send a note to participants with time of walk and buggy ride, directions and a map, speed limit; bring food and drink;

Water Management Buggy has been used before and should be considered for future events.

Should we do 2-day event? undecided

December meeting agenda: add plant walks and Kissimmee Prairie Day for next year discussion

How can we get more locals? Make a “local” event, use CSO members to lead it, get cracker cow re-enactor, or something else? Event could be almost an open house at the Prairie. [postscript: CE wonders if we could do a prescribed burn event where we helped the public view it]

6 and 7) Quarterly newsletter and membership report: What do we give members to make it worth it? Communications/newsletters have not been consistent. Should we do general membership meetings—one per year? Undecided.

8) BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Who could we add: some suggestions included Dave/Dee Simpson, Jan Allen, Greg Overcashier, astronomer? Equestrian? Trail person (Tom Clements, tropical trekkers, there is a Heartland Group, can Fred Davis help?)

Deen will rotate out to tend to family issues.

PROPOSAL for next year’s officers:

Donna Treasurer

Paul Secretary

CE President

Tim Vice President

Officer selection and Board additions was tabled for next meeting

10) unfinished business: as mentioned above, the dark skies application is being finished by Jen Benson

11) Public comments: none

Adjourn at 3, Donna move Paul second

For next meeting agenda: Should we give lifetime memberships to former prairie people? Charlie, Jenn, Deen, etc. Paul

Attachment 1. Sign-in sheet.

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Attachment 2. Treasurer's report.

Friends of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve Inc. Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2015

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1010 Checking/517069-CK1	12,476.16
1020 Savings/517069-SA1	250.57
1030 PayPal	1,393.01
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 14,119.74</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 14,119.74</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 14,119.74</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3010 Unrestricted Net Assets (R/E)	12,228.29
Net Income	1,891.45
Total Equity	<u>\$ 14,119.74</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 14,119.74</u>

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Friends of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve Inc.
Profit and Loss

January - September, 2015

	Apr 2015	May 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Sep 2015	Total	% of Total Income
Income								
4000 Direct Public Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4010 Individual Contributions	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	338.00	
4020 Corporate/Business Contributions	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.32	
Total 4000 Direct Public Support	\$ 115.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 348.32	9%
5000 Program-Related Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5010 Education/Preserve Event Revenue	256.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	894.00	218.00	2,426.00	
5210 Membership Dues	135.00	20.00	35.00	0.00	200.00	90.00	1,134.00	
Total 5000 Program-Related Revenue	\$ 391.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,094.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 3,560.00	90%
5310 Investments - Interest	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.15	
5999 Uncategorized Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	
Total Income	\$ 506.01	\$ 25.01	\$ 35.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 1,094.01	\$ 308.01	\$ 3,938.47	100%
Cost of Goods Sold								
7000 Program Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7030 Dark Sky Fund Program Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	
7040 Grants/Support to Preserve	94.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.60	
Total 7000 Program Expenses	\$ 94.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 106.60	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 94.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 106.60	3%
Gross Profit	\$ 411.41	\$ 25.01	\$ 35.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 1,094.01	\$ 308.01	\$ 3,831.87	
Expenses								
8010 Advertising & Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	259.00	
8530 Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
9100 Contract Service Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9110 Accounting & Professional Fees	0.00	10.36	800.36	220.36	220.36	220.36	1,471.80	
Total 9100 Contract Service Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.36	\$ 800.36	\$ 220.36	\$ 220.36	\$ 220.36	\$ 1,471.80	37%
9211 Merchant Processing Fees	9.96	0.74	5.39	0.00	33.73	9.19	109.62	
Total Expenses	\$ 9.96	\$ 11.10	\$ 905.75	\$ 220.36	\$ 254.09	\$ 229.55	\$ 1,940.42	49%
Net Operating Income	\$ 401.45	\$ 13.91	-\$ 870.74	-\$ 220.35	\$ 839.92	\$ 78.46	\$ 1,891.45	
Net Income	\$ 401.45	\$ 13.91	-\$ 870.74	-\$ 220.35	\$ 839.92	\$ 78.46	\$ 1,891.45	48%

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Friends of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
January - September, 2015

	<u>Total</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	1,891.45
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	0.00
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,891.45</u>
Net cash increase for period	<u>\$ 1,891.45</u>
Cash at beginning of period	12,228.29
Cash at end of period	<u>\$ 14,119.74</u>

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