

Laffite's Cove Nature Society (LCNS)\

Annual Members Meeting

The LCNS annual member meeting was held on March 14, 2015 at the Galveston Country Club. Ben Hock called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM. Proxies received and the attendance of members established a quorum. Directors present were Ben Hock, Scott Weaver, Brenda Dawson, Steve Alexander, and Phil Glass. Susan Gonzales was also in attendance.

The minutes of the annual members meeting dated March 8, 2014 were reviewed. Motion by Brenda Dawson and seconded by Ben Hock, the members approved the minutes by unanimous vote.

Ben Hock presented the Financial Report. Ben stated that we were under budget for the year. Our major expenses are in preserve work. Collections are on target and there was no increase in the assessment. Ben Hock stated with the changes in investments we would need to look at investing in Government Treasury Funds. Motion by Brenda Dawson and seconded by Phil Glass, the members accepted the financial report by unanimous vote.

Bonnie White arrived at the meeting. Bonnie stated that the LCNS is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the canal system, maintenance of the preserves, which includes mowing, clearing areas. LCNS is the operator not the owner. The area is comprised of 35 acres and is our responsibility to maintain the invasive so that we have a healthy nature preserve.

Steve Alexander gave a report on additional signage. Steve recommended we add signs that state: "Watch out for Snakes", "Please, No Smoking", and "Stay on Trail". Susan Gonzales recommended we use signs that have the LCNS logo so that it is consistent with other signs in the preserve.

Discussion was held on the (2) grass trails: the one leading from the gazebo and the other going to the bayou. The later trail needs to be defined to look like an actual trail, if it is to be used by the public. Different types of materials were discussed, including concrete or crushed rock, making it a raised trail. Discussion was also held as to whether board approval is needed for the creation of this trail. A proposal will be prepared for review by the Board.

Scott Weaver offered his opinion that we remain in violation of the deed restrictions with regard to the lack of marsh grass along the canal-front preserves, as do the majority of property owners.

No member Directors term has expired. Scientific Directors elected Steve Alexander for three-year terms via electronic meeting.

Discussion was held concerning expenditures and how they were approved. When the budget was prepared, Mort Voller had presented a preserve maintenance budget with money assigned to specific areas. Some Board members felt that some of those items might need to be approved individually. Scott Weaver stated we need to have either a cut off dollar amount or a defined explanation of what needs Board approval and what does not. Bonnie White stated that there are

budget items that would require Board approval, such as those that would make a change to the Preserve. Anything other than routine maintenance would need to be approved by the Board. Motion by Ben Hock and seconded by Brenda Dawson, the Board will review and adopt a policy for the approval process.

The Slate of Officers will be voted on line.

Adjourned at 9:00 A.M. Susan Gonzales - recording Secretary