

LAFFITE'S COVE NATURE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING - MINUTES – March 19, 2010

The Laffites Cove Nature Society annual members meeting was called to order at noon on March 19, 2011 by Scott Weaver, Vice President. A quorum was established. Under the by-laws, as long as there are any members present there was a quorum. There are two expiring elected Director terms and one scientific term that will be announced by the Scientific Directors. Jim Murphy was appointed as the Election Judge.

Gary Poltorak stated that the minutes of the last annual members meeting were available in the back of the room attached to the agenda and are being filed in the records of the Society.

Jim Murphy stated that the Financial reports were in the back also attached to the agenda. The report provided shows the 2011 budget and Income & Expenditures for 2010. It also shows the ending year bank balances.

Susan Gonzales and Scott Weaver conducted the annual election. There were two positions up for election position 3 & 4 and they were elected for three-year terms. The Special Order of Business for which was Annual meeting was convened was the election of directors to fill Board position 3 & 4. For position 3 the nominees were Taras Romanchuk, Bill Broussard and Pam Allen. For Position 4 the nominee was Chris Cahill. There were no nominations from the Floor. There being none then a request was made for a vote by ballot.

Mort Voller Announcement of Appointment of one Scientific Director. The Scientific Directors were pleased to announce the appointment Phil Glass to serve a full term as a Scientific Director.

Director's Reports

Nature Preserves Work and Plans

Mort Voller

Mort presented a report on the work that has been completed, pending and scheduled to be done in the Preserves. A written copy of the report was made available.

Canal Shelf and Marsh Grass

Gary Poltorak / Phil Glass

Gary gave a history of the reasons for the requirement of marsh grass in our canals and the importance of the ACOE permit standards written to protect the marsh grass shelf being complied with by our homeowners. Phil explained the benefit of having marsh grass in our canals, and the proven success of correctly engineered projects of growing marsh grass in the Bay. Phil responded to questions from our residents assuring them that the time for experiments is over and it is time to communicate to our residents how to build the shelf along their bulkheads in order to grow healthy grass and to request a volunteer effort by our residents to begin replacing the marsh grass along our bulkheads. Gary passed out several photos of the cement bag method of retaining the shelf from erosion that he has currently installed along his bulkhead as a pilot project to confirm the method will be successful. Phil told everyone that he reviewed the pilot project and it will be successful as long as the level of the created shelf will be the same as the average mean low tide. Marty Baker wanted to know if a permit from the ACOE was required to do this work in the canals and Phil explained that a National Permit exists, our ACOE permit specifically states the LCNS has authority to take whatever means are necessary to require homeowners to sustain and maintain the marsh grass, so he feels the work is

already permitted. After further discussion, Phil agreed to contact the ACOE with the information that the LCNS is leading an effort to bring our canals into compliance with the Permit and he will report back to the Board with his findings. Doug Little wanted to know if there was ever 15' of grass on the bulkheads, Mort replied that he spoke with a TPW Engineer who worked on the original project for Mitchell Development and "Yes" there was 15' on the bulkheads. Scott asked Phil to contact the ACOE and to compose a letter to the residents explaining the issue and requesting voluntary work begin by the homeowners to replace the grass along their bulkheads.

LCNS Permitting Process

Gary Poltorak

Brief discussion about the need to send letters from the LCNS Attorney to homeowners was initiated by Doug Little. Specifically, he asked if the LCNS was really required to enforce the ACOE permit, or if it was just recommended. Scott replied that our Attorney had reviewed the Permit and was confident in our rights and obligations.

Announcement of Results of Balloting and Proxy Count.

Gary Poltorak – Secretary

The results of the election were Taras Romanchuk elected to Position #3 and Chris Cahill elected to Position #4.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 1:45.

Convening of Special Session - Nomination of Officers for 2011

Nominations were made by Gary Poltorak:

President -	Chris Cahill
V. President -	Scott Weaver
Treasurer -	Jim Murphy
Secretary -	Gary Poltorak

All in favor.

Adjournment

The special session was adjourned at 1:50