

Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting, February 8, 2023

Prepared by John Tomasino

Board members present: Marie-Claire Leman, Ceci Michelotti, John Tomasino, Melissa Farley, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, and KC Smith

Board members absent: Ashley Arrington, Doug Martin, Katie Clark, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, Jason Khan-Hohensee, and Edward Reid

Other neighbors in attendance: Karla Brandt, Betsy Tabac, Katherine Milla

1. Financial Report:

Marie-Claire provided the financial report. The current balance is \$11,335.60. No material changes.

2. Updates and neighbor concerns:

Greenway Meeting Recap:

We had an interesting and smooth meeting with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the City regarding the greenway. The neighbors in attendance were already very well-informed. It was a serious meeting with sufficient time for questions with a thorough back and forth. They discussed the upcoming treatment of the small leaf spiderwort using Triclopyr. In general, it sounded like it is the best we can do. Brian Hooper, with Tallahassee Parks suggested helping us before then to help remove some of the other invasives. Karla volunteered to write an article for The Optimist, with possible assistance from Connie Bersok.

New items brought by neighbors, if any: None

3. Board issues

Membership Drive:

In the past, the membership drive was done separately from the newsletter so it doesn't get lost. Marie-Claire shared the form that was used last year. The first page discussed the mission of the association, what are the types of things the membership fees are used for, recent accomplishments, and upcoming projects. Marie-Claire suggests both providing a hard copy, posting it on Facebook, and emailing it out as well. So basically, the same way as last year. Everyone agreed.

Spring Newsletter

KC could use some more info. She has some great articles. She would like to hear what people would like to contribute. KC hasn't received much feedback. N3 is planning on

submitting an article discussing their upcoming website redesign, including a resource library. Marie-Claire will provide information on the 5k run and Nene Fest for inclusion in the newsletter.

Process for approval of minutes

We need 7 members to approve the minutes, but recently, we often don't have a quorum. John suggested that if we don't have a quorum at the meeting, then perhaps we don't formally approve the minutes but still provide them as an information resource. There was a thought about just making the videos available but we agreed most folks wouldn't watch the video. While we couldn't vote, we did agree to continue to provide "informal" meeting minutes when a quorum isn't present at the Board meetings.

4. Discussion of up-coming events

Confirming the date for the Neighborhood Yard Sale

Marie-Claire suggested April 15th. This will be after the newsletter goes out. Fits in well with the spring calendar.

Nene Fest 2023

Marie-Claire will seek volunteers. It will be on April 29th. The Board gave its unofficial approval to proceed with Nene Fest in 2023. Marie-Claire contacted Richard who agreed (thankfully!) to again take care of the stage and music again. We discussed the need for a new graphic design artist since we no longer to rely on Charity. Marie-Claire suggested reaching out to the neighborhood to see if anyone would like to volunteer and possibly having a design contest for the 2023 Nene logo. Everyone agreed! Marie-Claire will reach out on Facebook. Ceci will assist with the posting. Katherine suggested having a photography contest with Nene Fest. The volunteer group will consider that idea.

5. Other business

6. Next meeting: March 2nd