

Englewood Shell Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Lemon Bay Park

The meeting was called to order by President Christina Anglin at 1:00.

Christina welcomed everyone to the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting and celebration. She reminded everyone of the location of sign-up sheets for excursions coming up. Recognition was given to all who worked on the Marina Jack anniversary cruise and made it such a success.

Anita Wilson introduced the guest speaker Dr. Gary Schmelz who spoke on “Evolution of the Florida Peninsula and Florida's Environments”. At the end of his talk and slide show Anita presented him with a ESC hat and honorarium. He was also made an honorary member of the club.

Business Meeting:

Christina announced that the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were on line and also posted at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Weborg read the current report.

Committee Reports:

Excursions – Ruth Middlebrooks announced a February 1<sup>st</sup> bus trip to Honeymoon Island, February 15<sup>th</sup> Mote Marine trip, March 4<sup>th</sup> bus trip to Sannibel Island shell show and April 3<sup>rd</sup> fossil trip. Debbie Freeman announced that the January Carefree Learner boat trip is full.

Programs – The speakers for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be Pete Dance and Harlan Wittkopf. They will have books to sell at the meeting. Christina announced that there will be a dinner held for Peter on March 2<sup>nd</sup> after the meeting.

Beachwalk – Rita Stonehouse announced the next beach walk will be February 9<sup>th</sup> on Boca Grande at the lighthouse.

Communications – Susan Ross reported that there are copies of the special anniversary publication available to those who signed in today. Copies will be mailed to those members not present. There are items from the club's history on display for viewing. The newsletter deadline is the end of February.

Librarian – Eunice Herr announced that the library has a new book on Olive shells. She

asked that every one please return books each month.

Membership – Linda Powers announced the 150<sup>th</sup> member. Membership packets were handed out to new members.

Social – Jackie McLean asked that she be called if anyone is aware of members who need cards.

Merchandising – Eileen Tabone announced that there are still t-shirts, calendars, check book covers and luggage tags for sale. The club pins will be available for sale soon.

Raffle – Judy Green announced that there are raffle tickets available for the drawing through March with the drawing to be held at the picnic in April.

#### Group Reports:

Study Group – Debbie Freeman announced that the February eighth study group topic will be Arks, Bittersweet clams and cockles. The March meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The April meeting will be a shell swap.

Shell Crafters – Shirley Kastner reported that the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be shell butterflies and flowers and March 11<sup>th</sup> shell crafters will be shell jewelry.

Outreach – Jane Guy reported that they have a program they will be giving soon.

#### Old Business:

Christina announced that there are new contracts in place for the use of Lemon Bay and Tringali.

#### New Business:

Marilyn Boyd announced that there is a nominating committee for the March elections. It consists of Ruth Middlebrooks as the chairman, Eileen Tabone and herself.

Shell of the Month – Ruth Middlebrooks gave a short talk on the Music Volute.

Drawing for the door prizes was done by Barb Myers.

Observation of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the club – Christina introduced club founder and past presidents. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 and refreshments were served.

