Englewood Shell Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 2nd, 2010
Lemon Bay Park

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

Business Meeting:
Christina announced that the minutes from the January 26th meeting are posted and also available on line. She stated that suggestions for club donations will be taken at the March 26th meeting.
Treasure's report – Nancy Weborg read the report and stated that the current balance is $4517.25.

Committee Reports:
Programs – Anita Wilson announced that the program for the March 26th meeting will be on Sailor's Valentines. She asked that anyone who has a Sailor's Valentine to bring it for display.

Excursions – Ruth Middlebrooks reported that anyone on the waiting list for the April 3rd fossil trip will be moved to the April 10th trip. Marilyn Boyd asked for member interest in a possible ferry trip to islands around Marco during the weeks of April 11th-24th.

Beach Walks – Rita Stonehouse announced that the next beach walk will be Tuesday March 9th at Blind Pass beach.

Communications – Susan Ross announced that the next newsletter will be out in a few days. She is resigning and asked for volunteers to fill this position. Christina thanked Susan for doing a great job on the newsletter and website.

Historian – Sue Rundle asked that if anyone has photos they would like to have in the scrapbook to let her know.

Membership – Linda Powers reported that the club has 166 members with 34 new this year. She handed out new member packets with a special ribbon for the 150th member. Christina reminded everyone that the new directory is on the members site on the web page.
Merchandising – Eileen Tabone reported that the club pins will be available soon. There are still t-shirts and other merchandise for sale.

Raffle – Joan Stegmeyer announced that there are raffle tickets for sale for the shell shop and seascapes. The drawing for the winners will be April 27th at the picnic.

Nominations Committee – Chairman Ruth Middlebrooks announced that the committee has a slate of officers for next year. President: Christina Anglin, Vice President: Nancy Weborg, Treasurer: Eileen Tabone, Secretary: Judy Kauk. Members at Large: Joy Brandt, Eunice Herr and Dick Eckhart. Nominations were requested from the floor. Kathy Cevoli nominated Brenda Steele for member at large. The election will be held at the March 23rd meeting. Christina announced the need for volunteers for communications chairman, merchandising chairman and someone to take over summer beach walks.

Constitution Committee – Helen Gardner reported that the committee will be meeting and will give the club a report at the March 23rd meeting. Any suggestions for changes from members should be given to Helen.

Group Reports:
Study Group – Barb Myers reported that the study group will be held on March 17th at 1:00 and the topic will be Nerites, Nassa and Mud Snails.

Shellcrafters – Joy Brandt announced that the next meeting will be March 11th at 12:00.

Outreach – Jane Guy reported that they had a meeting to inventory shells and equipment recently. They will be donating a shell identification board to Lemon Bay Park.

Old Business:
Christina announced that the home tours will be postponed until next year. The new members coffee will be at Eunice Herr's home on March 25th from 10:00 to 11:30. There is a sign-up sheet available.

New Business:
There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers for set up and clean up for the April picnic.

The "Shell of the Month" talk was given by Amie Barnicle on the King's Crown.

Anita Wilson introduced the program speakers, S. Peter Dance and Harlan E. Wittkopf. The program was titled, "Of Fabled Shells and Eastern Promise". Anita presented them with ESC hats, Alphabet Cones and certificates of honorary club membership. After the program they had a book sale and signing.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Kauk, Secretary