

ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Doris Lyons at 1:30 at Lemon Bay Park.

Park naturalist Kathy Rader-Gibson presented a program, "A Walk Through Lemon Bay" where she highlighted the attributes of Lemon Bay Park and spoke of the wide variety of activities available through Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. Kathy's talk correlated with the beach walk/nature program to be given by Bud Doyle on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the North Jetty beach in Nokomis.

The business meeting, presided over by President Doris Lyons, followed Kathy's presentation.

Doris announced that the minutes of the February meeting will be posted on line when approved. The treasurer's report is posted and available for all members to see.

Doris announced that she is stepping down from her office as president due to her recent illness.

Sue Ross, speaking for the Nominating Committee, submitted the following candidates for the new board of directors:

President: Christina Anglin  
Vice President: Brends Steele  
Treasurer: Nancy Weborg  
Secretary: Judy Kauk

Nominations were opened to the floor.

There were no new nominations.

A vote was taken by a show of hands and was unanimous.

Five candidates were presented for the three Board Member-at-Large positions. They are as follows: Sue Rundle, Eunice Herr, Linda Powers, Joy Brandt, and Debbie Freeman.

Nominations were opened to the floor and there were no new nominations.

A paper ballot vote was taken and Carol Roberts and Christine Cummings volunteered to count the ballots.

Excursions: Beach walk March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am on the North Jetty beach in Nokomis. Bud Doyle is to present a nature program. Ruth Middlebrooks told us that the last outing of the year will be April 4<sup>th</sup> to a fossil pit in the Naples area. Marilyn Boyd reminded everyone that she needs checks from all those planning to attend the Sanibel trip on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. They can be given to her today or mailed to her. Debbie Freeman announced that there will be two Carefree Learner trips on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 and January 29<sup>th</sup> 2010. Reservations can be made with coupons which will be in the September newsletter.

President Doris Lyons asked for volunteers for the Program committee. She also announced that the Holiday Party will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Manasota Beach Club and that the cost will be \$22.00. A coupon for reservations will be in the September newsletter. Everyone attending is asked to bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to the St. Francis church food bank. Marilyn Boyd and Jeanne Friend will be in charge of collecting and distributing these donations.

The Merchandising Committee for next year will be as follows: Eileen Tabone, Carol Roberts, Ruth Middlebrooks, Shirley Kastner, and Arlene Wild.

There was no Sunshine Report as Jackie Mclean was absent.

Publicity for the club is currently on hold.

Linda Powers gave the Spring Picnic update and announced that all interested in attending should sign up today or call Jackie Mclean at 474-8011 before April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The picnic will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Englewood Garden's Beach Club. Everyone is asked to bring their own table setting to reduce the amount of trash.

Librarian Eunice Herr announced that she has made some changes for book returns. Books to be returned are to be placed in a specified box on the library counter. The library box will also be at the picnic for end of the year book returns. Eunice also said that some new books have been ordered for the coming year.

Amie Barnicle of the Outreach Committee asked for donations of specimen quality shells as they have given many of them away.

The President stated that the club would like to make the following donations:

Conchologists of America: \$100  
Bailey Matthews Shell Museum:\$250  
Sarasota High School Biology Dept.:\$100  
Cedar Point Park:\$100

Helen Gardner made a motion to take a vote on these donations and it was seconded by Sharon Baczynski.

A vote was taken by a show of hands and the donations were approved unanimously. Sue Ross proposed that the club should consider making a donation to the Lemon Bay Park for new chairs since the club meets there. A discussion followed and it was decided to table this proposal until the next meeting.

Sue Ross announced that the ballots were counted and that the three new Board Members-at-Large will be as follows: Linda Powers, Debbie Freeman, and Joy Brandt.

President Doris Lyons proceeded with the installation of the new Board of Directors and the new Board Members-at-Large. Duties of all were reviewed and each position was accepted.

As Christina Anglin's first official duty as the new president, she thanked Doris Lyons for serving as President for this past year and presented her with a gift of a sterling silver whelk.

Christina announced that the new membership directories were now available for all members who wanted them.

The raffle drawing was held and the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:40.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Kauk, Secretary