Englewood Shell Club General Meeting Minutes October 26th, 2010 Englewood Elks Club

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

Christina welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the season and introduced Program Chairman, Debbie Freeman who showed a slide presentation of past years of the club. There was also a "Show and Tell" of various shell projects completed by members.

Business Meeting:

Minutes – Minutes of the March 23rd meeting are posted on the website. The October newsletter is also on the website. Treasurer's Report – Eileen Tabone went over the expenditures and funds received. The current balance is \$1422.99.

Committee Reports:

Programs – Debbie Freeman announced the programs for the year and reported that the March meeting would need to be changed to one week earlier to accommodate the speaker.

Excursions – Ruth Middlebrooks reported on the Key's trip. She announced that there is room still available and that Homer Rhodes will be the excursion director. There is a trip scheduled to Cayo

Costa on January 24th and a sign up sheet is available.

Debbie Freeman reported on two Carefree Learner trips scheduled

for December 7th and January 5th.

Beachwalks – Rita Stonehouse announced that the beachwalks will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00. The first one will be held at Manasota Beach.

Communications – Christina announced that the club is still needing someone to take over the newsletter. Also a web liaison is needed. Librarian – Eunice Herr reported that the library books will now be stored at the Elks club. Two new bookcases have been built. Historian – Sue Rundle requested that anyone that takes pictures on club outings to please give her hard copies.

Membership – Nancy Weborg welcomed new members to the meeting. She announced that the new member packets and name tags will be given out at the November meeting.

Merchandising – Joan Stegmeyer presented the available merchandise for sale and talked about possibilities for new merchandise.

Group Reports:

Study Group – Debbie Freeman reported that the first meeting will be

held November 8th at her home. Shells found over the summer will be discussed, as well as Wentletraps.

Shell Crafters – Eleanor Langlois announced that Linda Thompson

will be giving a class on shell necklaces on November 19th at the Englewood Sports Complex from 12:00 to 2:00. The Sailor's Valentines class will be held at the same time. Debbie Freeman and Ruth Middlebrooks will be instructing on the basics of making the valentines.

Outreach – Marilyn Boyd announced that Englewood Elementary students are studying shells and volunteers are needed to give programs and help in various ways.

Old Business:

Christina reported on the COA convention that was held in Boston this summer. Debbie Freeman represented our club and there were other members that attended.

Christina announced that there has been a resignation of a board member at large. She asked that anyone interested in this position to contact her and it will be voted on at the next board meeting. Those interested in being greeters at the meetings should contact Marilyn Boyd.

Christina has become aware of shells for sale from two different sources. Speak with Christina to find out more.

Shell of the month presentation was done by Bet Hamilton on the Horse Conch.

There was a drawing for door prizes.

Shari Lochlear asked that anyone who is interested in helping with the Christmas luncheon favors can come to her neighborhood clubhouse on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00. The meeting was adjourned by President Christina Anglin at 2:35.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Kauk, Secretary