

Englewood Shell Club

General Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2009

Lemon Bay Park

The meeting was called to order by President Christina Anglin at 1:14.

Christina acknowledged all those who had participated in leading various summer shell club activities. Rita Stonehouse led the summer beach walks. Debbie Freeman represented the club at the COA convention and workshops by Rita, Linda powers, Sue Ross, Eunice Herr and Sharon Weston.

Program: Shell related show and tell by many club members. Including shell and sea glass jewelry, shell night lights, shell wreaths, masks and fossils and a sailor's valentine as well as other projects.

Business:

Minutes of the March 2009 meeting are available for members to read.

Treasurer's Report- Nancy Weborg reported the beginning balance for this year is \$2878.92. Meeting rooms for Lemon Bay Park and Tringali are paid for this year.

Committee Reports:

Programs- Anita Wilson reminded the group that the February 23rd meeting has been changed to March 2nd. This is to accommodate speakers, Peter Dance and Harlan Wittkopf.

Excursions- Debbie Freeman announced that the Carefree Learner trips are scheduled for December 3rd and January 29th. They will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m. A new biologist will be leading the trips this year. Marilyn Boyd reported that 13 rooms have been booked for the 17th and 18th Sanibel trip. Ruth Middlebrooks reported that there is a display on the bulletin board of 2010 international shelling trips available. There is a sign up sheet to determine interest for a November 23rd trip to Egmont Key. The cost will be \$15.00 and there will be car pooling. A Honeymoon Island bus trip, Skyway Bridge and April 3rd fossil pit trip are also possibilities. Linda Powers asked for member interest in a Mote Marine breakfast and private tour. She will inquire further and provide details later.

Beach Walks- Rita Stonehouse announced that the beach walks will be the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00. The November walk will be at Manasota beach.

Debbie Freeman was the representative of the club for the COA convention that was held in the summer. She reported that the lectures were excellent and that the Englewood Shell Club is well known and that all club members should consider joining the COA.

Communications- Sue Ross announced that the November deadline for the newsletter will be postponed due to Margarita and Sanibel trips. She is looking for photos and stories of the history of the club for the January newsletter. There is a sign up sheet available to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter for those unable to download it or who have no internet access.

Librarian- Eunice Herr reported that there are new book racks for better book display and that she is redoing the check-out process. She has a new bibliography available and that there is a sign-up sheet for those requesting copies of reprinted articles.

Historian- Sue Rundle asked if members would provide copies of pictures taken at club events.

Membership- Brenda Steele reported that there has been a good return of membership renewals.

Christmas Luncheon- Nancy Weborg reminded everyone attending the luncheon to bring a nonperishable food item which will then be donated to a food pantry. She will need Santa's elves to pass out presents. All who would like to receive a gift need to bring one with a \$15.00 limit. All checks for the luncheon and other events should be written out to the Englewood Shell Club.

Anniversary Celebration- Brenda Steele reported on the January 22nd Marina Jack luncheon. The cost will be \$32.95 and will include a lunch buffet and tour of Sarasota Bay. Sign up by December 10th. Guests will be allowed after that date if there is room.

Merchandising- Eileen Tabone announced that there are currently shell club t-shirts for sale for \$10 to \$12 depending on the size. She is working on a club pin and other items and will provide more information at the next meeting.

Group Reports:

Study Group- Debbie Freeman reported that study group will be at her home at 1:00 the second Monday of each month. The November meeting will be moved to Tuesday the

10th. There will be no study group in December. March group meeting will be moved to the 17th. She will announce the agenda prior to the meetings

Shell Crafters- Shirley Kastner reported that the shell crafters will meet the 2nd Friday of each month at Tringali Community Center in room # 2. The cost will be \$5.00. The November meeting will be napkin rings and door hangers. Shells will be provided and please bring glue guns.

Out Reach- During the summer months Linda Powers and Rita Stonehouse did programs with the Girl Scouts. Debbie Freeman did a Critter Camp program and also did a Keynote presentation for a group in Venice. Please let Jane Guy or Amie Barnicle know if group programs are needed..

Old Business:

Christina announced that a Cedar Point park donation had been made of \$100.00. That schedule changes for this year are in the agenda. The board has approved paying someone \$35.00 to set-up and take down chairs and tables for the meetings. She asked for input on finding someone to do this job. Discussion followed and Christina will look into this further.

Greeters- Marilyn Boyd needs volunteers for meeting greeters. She would like to have two greeters at each meeting.

Christina announced that there are sign-up sheets for helping to make the Christmas luncheon favors and also to decorate and remove the ornaments for the Cedar Point Park Christmas tree. Judy Green and Shari Loechler will co-chair the luncheon favor committee and will have the work shop at their community building.

New Business:

Christina announced that there will be a raffle for donated prizes from Barb Myers which will begin in November with a drawing in January. Call or email Christina if anyone has other donations.

Raffle for the shell door prizes was held.

Helen Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Jo-ann. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:40.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Kauk, Secretary

