

Minutes – Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., January 31, 2012

Present:

Mickey Angell
Robin Lauriault
Maury Laurie
Mary Anne Morgan
Anne Pierce
Elaine Carson Spencer
Neal R. Spencer
Jim Stephens
Florence Turcotte
Barbara Wingo

Absent:

Dan Cantliffe
Eleanor and Andy Merritt

Also present:

Valerie Rivers
Kamin Miller

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., was called to order by President Mary Anne Morgan at 6:30 p.m., on January 31, 2012, at the Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Station, Cross Creek, Florida.

The minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Reports:

Anne Pierce reported that dues were somewhat behind. She indicated that the net amount from the sales of the 2011 calendars was \$2348.52. Neal Spencer moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted unanimously.

Further discussion of the sale of the 2012 calendars ensued. Anne Pierce reported that 138 calendars had been sold. 77 were left to be placed. Pearl's was doing well with sales. Seven were sold at the Rawlings Society board meeting, and there were 14 mail orders. The decision as to when to lower the price will be made at the next board meeting.

Old Business:

There was a discussion of the issue of replacing the car. It was noted that Dan Cantliffe had believed that this issue had been tabled. The upcoming scrub hike was also announced.

Flo Turcotte reported on the upcoming Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Conference to be held April 13-14.

President Mary Anne Morgan discussed the upcoming retreat that will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location (possibly Paynes Prairie), catering (Flo Turcotte will check with Pearl's on this.) and facilitator (Robin Lauriault will follow up on this area.) have not been determined. At the April board meeting, the board will decide on very basic directions for the facilitator. Murray Laurie suggested that board members review the old newsletters on the website to see the history of the organization.

New Business:

The volunteer picnic for District 2 will be held March 24 at Talbot Island.

Kamin Miller discussed the organization's website. The board members were reminded to send items for the website and any suggestions concerning improving the website to Murray Laurie.

President Morgan emphasized that all boards members should explore the website. Valerie Rivers also indicated that she will list items for the website as well as ideas for the retreat from the park perspective.

Valerie Rivers announced that a request to put "National Landmark" on highway signs had been sent up the approval chain.

The calendar of events was discussed. The next event is the scrub trip. The volunteer day and retreat should be added.

The annual meeting will be May 5. Anne Pierce has asked the Yearling Restaurant to put it on its calendar. Mickey Angell will talk to Lisa at the Yearling. We will ask to be let in at 11 a.m.

There will be a \$5 fee. Program ideas were discussed. Anne Pierce volunteered to do a program on the Ocklawaha steamships, which was accepted.

The Nominating Committee was reminded to bring a slate of officer nominees to the April meeting. Eleanor Merritt was suggested as a member of the nominating committee.

Flo Turcotte moved that the board purchase the book The Cross Creek Sampler as a gift for Dan Cantliffe. The motion was approved unanimously.

The newsletter was discussed. The deadline for articles submission is March 23. The Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society meeting article will be written by Flo Turcotte.

Anne Pierce indicated that the teachers at Rawlings Elementary School have not used the money budgeted for them. The money may still be used prior to the end of the school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Wingo
Secretary