

Minutes – Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., April 3, 2012

Present:

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

Absent:

Dan Cantliffe

Also present:

Valerie Rivers
Toni Creamer

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 6:35 p.m., on April 3, 2012, at the Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Station, Cross Creek, Florida.

Elaine Carson Spencer introduced a guest, Toni Creamer, who has expressed an interest in the organization. The members of the Board of Directors also introduced themselves.

The minutes of the January 31, 2012, meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Reports:

Anne Pierce reported that house contributions were low this year; however, the organization has received other contributions. Membership was also behind, but there were more multiple year members. There were nine honorary, 47 life, and 138 annual members (17 overdue). She

noted the following with regard to her report as handed out to the board members: there was some profit from the sale of the calendars; the expenses of printing the newsletter were not included; another fan had been restored at an expenditure of \$126; and the organization was ahead by \$1072 so far this year. She noted that board members should tell her if the Treasurer's report was not in a helpful format. Neal Spencer moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Calendars:

Anne Pierce gave further information concerning the sale of the 2012 calendars. There are about 120 left that had not been sold. The remaining calendars would be sold for \$10 (\$12 for mail order). She indicated that the locations at which the calendars were being sold need to be notified.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting:

Mickey Angell reported on the plans for the annual meeting. The meeting will be at 11 .m. on May 5, at the Yearling Restaurant with the same menu as last year. Following the business meeting Anne Pierce will present the program.

Retreat:

Mary Ann Morgan reported that the retreat will be held at the District Office at Paynes Prairie in the conference room. Valerie Rivers will send the directors a password. The board members are to park outside the gate; with the combination, one can get inside the gate and to the meeting room. The retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will finish around 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. Flo Turcotte has arranged for food from Pearl's. Barbara Wingo moved that the Friends pay for the lunch, and the motion passed unanimously.

Robin Lauriault has arranged for a facilitator, Creed Greer. Anne Pierce will get a gift basket prepared for the facilitator. Mary Ann will be in charge of morning refreshments, flip-chart, markers, etc. Kamin Miller will be invited to the retreat. Valerie Rivers will share the park's 10-year plan.

Newsletter:

The deadline for the newsletter is tomorrow. The next newsletter should go out before the MKR birthday celebration.

Anne Pierce asked if the board would consider changing the date of the next board meeting from July 24. It was agreed that the next board meeting would occur on July 31.

There was a discussion of the car on the property. Robin Lauriault stated that he has a friend who takes an interest in old cars who believes the car is not repairable, but thinks he can find a replacement. It was noted that the car does not need to run.

New Business:

Report of Nominating Committee:

Mickey Angell reported that the Nominating Committee proposed the current officers as the slate. The recommendation was accepted.

The board decided to give Kamin Miller a one-year membership in the Friends in gratitude for his services.

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Park Ranger Report:

Valerie Rivers reminded board members to send in their volunteer hours. She reminded board members of the program on development funds for April 11 at 2 p.m. She reported that Sheila Holloway and Rick Mulligan had been recently hired as tour guides and were working out well. She noted that there was another vacancy for an OPS tour guide. She is also searching for summer camping volunteers. The orange trees were okay in spite of a brief scare concerning "greening."

Ms. Rivers noted that the four-poster bed that was original to the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings house was being given back to the house. \$1200 to \$1500 was needed for packing and shipping from Kentucky. Anne Pierce moved that the Friends pay for such packing and transportation, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rivers reported that three dresses and aprons had been made and that was within the current budget. She also noted that there will be a \$200 expenditure for books. The park is only allowed to buy recycled ink, but that ink is not satisfactory for the printer currently in place. Friends funds previously budgeted will be used to buy ink until a new printer is purchased.

A discussion ensued about purchasing John Moran photographs of the house, particularly for use with awards. This will be discussed further at the retreat.

Anne Pierce shared a book written by Andrea Wyman, which Ms. Wyman had proposed be sold with a \$5 each donation to the Friends. A lunch meeting with her on April 12 was proposed and will be coordinated by Ms. Pierce.

Robin Lauriault moved that the meeting be adjourned, which motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Wingo
Secretary