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Minutes – Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., July 16, 2013

Present:

Dan Cantliffe
Murray Laurie
Mary Anne Morgan
Anne Pierce
Elaine Carson Spencer
Neal R. Spencer
Florence Turcotte
Barbara Wingo

Absent:

Mickey Angell
Jim Stephens

Also present:

Dan Anson
Stephanie Anson
Valerie Rivers

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 July 16, 2013, at the Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Station, Cross Creek, Florida.

The minutes of the April 16, 2013, meeting were approved as presented.

Friends BOD Membership, Bylaws and BOD Member Recruitment:

Mary Anne Morgan and Elaine Spencer led a discussion on board of directors membership and recruitment. Elaine Spencer introduced Dan Anson and Stephanie Anson and nominated Dan Anson for board membership, which was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports:

Anne Pierce presented the final annual budget, which was discussed. Neal Spencer moved acceptance of the budget, which motion was passed unanimously. It was announced that the CSO annual meeting would be held January 17-18 in Clearwater (the Sheraton Sand Key in Clearwater). The district meeting is to be held September 14 at Gold Head Branch State Park.

Anne reported on membership and indicated that she suggested a continuation of the goals developed from last year for the organization's annual report. It was suggested that a board member email Anne if the board member has other goals to be added to the list. Anne Pierce moved to keep the goals the same as last year, which motion was passed unanimously.

Report from the Farm:

Valerie Rivers made the Report from the Farm. She mentioned the CSO event. Volunteers were solicited for the August 3 MKR Birthday event. Mary Anne will bring cups, plates, etc., and lemonade. The Spencers will get cake and ice cream. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A pewter tea set is to be donated to the house. Valerie also indicated that the Farm would lose 30% of its OPS money. \$10,000 has been request from Help Our Parks. Expense monies have been cut by 5%. Outsourcing has been cut by 15%.

Recent CSO Management Review:

Mary Anne Morgan, Valerie Rivers, and Anne Pierce reported on the CSO management review (audit) that occurred this year. This review occurs on a five-year cycle.

Newsletter:

President Morgan announced that we would need a new editor for the newsletter after October. This involves getting articles, proofing, and meeting with Gail with regard to setting-up the newsletter. Various proposed articles and photographs were discussed, including an article from Elaine Spencer. The draft calendar for the year was discussed. Changes were as follows: next board meeting, October 29; Cross Creek Festival, November 23; Citrus Picking, December 8; Annual Meeting, May 3, 2014; and MKR Birthday Party, August 2, 2014.

Ideas for Farm Projects and Fund Raisers:

There was a brief discussion of ideas for farm projects and ways to make money.

Year of The Yearling Review and Upcoming Events:

It was noted that the *Year of the Yearling* events would start again in September.

New Business:

It was noted that the website was badly out-of-date, and an extensive discussion ensued.

Murray Laurie reported that she had been sending items to the website master. The active part of the website needs to be redesigned.

President Morgan stated that board members should review the bylaws and bring suggestions for changes to the October board meeting. The next board meeting will be held on October 29 at the Cross Creek Firehouse.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Wingo
Secretary