

Minutes – Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the  
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., April 19, 2016

Present:

Lowell Garrett  
Anne Pierce  
Elaine Carson Spencer  
Neal R. Spencer  
Jim Stephens  
Florence Turcotte  
Barbara Wingo

Absent:

Mickey Angell  
Dan Anson  
Dan Cantliffe  
Murray Laurie

Others present:

Valerie Rivers

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., was called to order by President Elaine Spencer at 6:05 p.m. at the Headquarters Branch of the Alachua County Library District, Gainesville, Florida.

The minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Anne Pierce indicated that \$186.73 has been allocated for the rose garden. \$20 was paid for domain renewal. \$80 was raised through a drawing at the Rawlings Society meeting, which also provoked interest in the MKR Rose event.

Membership Report:

Anne reported that there are eight honorary members, 52 life members, 129 annual members, and three corporate members. 12 members are overdue in their dues payments.

#### Farm Manager's Report:

Farm Manager Valerie Rivers reported the need for a new mower. Flo Turcotte moved that the MKR Farm, Inc., allocate \$5800 for the purchase of a mower. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Valerie noted that the Florida State Park volunteer system is up and running. Reporting hours is an individual responsibility, but Carrie Todd should be able to modify the results after the fact if mistakes are made.

Valerie indicated that she liked and appreciated the new website. She also noted that the Cross Creek "Year" (75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Cross Creek* and *Cross Creek Cookery*) is coming up and that brainstorming for events should begin. A sheet listing ideas compiled by Carrie Todd was passed around to the Board. Valerie suggested a committee of one or two people. Anne Pierce suggested that the committee be more than two persons. Anne also suggested that the play concerning MKR and Zora Neale Hurston might be a good possibility as an event.

Valerie indicated needs for residence repairs, carport supports, signage, workshop water flow repairs, office repairs, painting, and trees and pump issues. She noted that the county allowed the connection to the county irrigation system, and she stated that she would create a sign for the new rose garden.

#### Upcoming Events:

With regard to the MKR Rose event, Elaine Spencer indicated that a brochure about the rose was needed. The program will begin at 2 p.m. Set-up will be at noon. There will be drawings at 1, 2, and 3. Art Wade will donate three to five roses and will also have roses from his nursery available.

It was agreed that the county would be informed that the event would take place. The program will be: Art Wade: "How do you create a rose?" and Keith Honeycutt: "How do you get a rose named?" Lowell Garrett will write a press release on the event. Refreshments will be lemonade and gingerbread. Anne will circulate the MKR recipe for gingerbread.

It was decided that the MKR Farm would not participate in the Blueberry Festival at Island Grove. The MKR Birthday Party will be August 31.

#### Old Business, Website:

Lowell Garrett stated that he would meet with Stephanie Anson concerning the website.

New Business:

Jim Stephens indicated that a “Welcome to Cross Creek” sign had been removed. It was agreed that there would be an announcement in the newsletter for donations to replace it. Anne Pierce noted that the Matheson Museum was hosting a citrus exhibit with various related events.

The annual meeting of the organization will be held in October. There will be meetings during the summer to plan for the *Cross Creek* anniversary. The next board meeting will be July 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.