

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

Present:

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

Absent:

Mickey Angell

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 6:00 p.m. at the Headquarters Branch of the Alachua County Library District, Gainesville, Florida.

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

Elaine Spencer announced that Dan Anson and Dan Cantliffe had reigned from the board of directors. All indicated that they would be missed.

Treasurer's Report:

Anne Pierce noted that the PayPal donation option had been working well for the Friends. She noted in particular a \$100 donation, and there was discussion of a possible article on contributions. \$160 was received at the MKR Society conference with net revenue of \$112.13. The income at the MKR Rose event was \$357.00. Most of the books were sold, particularly Jim Stephens' book. The expenses were \$71.25; the net was \$275.75. Website expenses were

\$770m, and the mower was set at \$5800 in the budget. Anne requested an amendment to the budget for the Newsletter from \$500 to \$1000

#### Membership Report:

Anne reported that there are eight honorary members, 52 life members, 114 annual members, and three corporate members. 22 members are overdue in their dues payments.

Anne Pierce moved the amendment to the budget to increase the Newsletter category from \$500 to \$1000. The motion was approved and was passed unanimously.

The MKR Birthday celebration will be July 31. Elaine Spencer will get the refreshments and set up and work the event. Anne Pierce will set up the book sales and work the first part of the event; Flo Turcotte, the last. Elaine will do a quick press release to the *Gainesville Sun*.

#### Farm Manager's Report:

There was an extensive discussion concerning solutions to the problem of deer gnawing on the roses. Neal Spencer will look into potential solutions (cage, fence, and human hair). Valerie Rivers indicated that the trees may have some form of greening and that she was pursuing the purchase of a mower.

#### 2017 Steering Committee Report:

There was an extensive discussion of the areas shown in the notes taken of the Steering Committee meetings. The Tourism Product Development Grant application was also extensively discussed. The grant would cover October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017. Seven different events were proposed. Neal Spencer moved that the draft grant application as presented be submitted to the City of Gainesville for funding. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. The next meeting of the 2017 Steering Committee is August 16 at 4 Pm at the Matheson Museum.

Elaine Spencer stated that the Newsletter would be finished shortly. The next board meeting will be October 18 at the Headquarters Branch of the Alachua County Library at 6 PM. The annual meeting will be combined with a holiday party and is set for December 10.

There was a reminder that CSO volunteer hours needed to be posted.

#### Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for 2017:

President: Barbara Wingo

Treasurer: Anne Pierce  
Secretary: Murray Laurie.

The office of Vice President is still to be determined. The election will be held at the next board meeting.

Barbara Wingo moved that Dan Cantliffe be added as a Resource Advisory board member. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

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