

Minutes – Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., April 15, 2014

Present:

Dan Cantliffe
Mary Anne Morgan
Anne Pierce
Elaine Carson Spencer
Neal R. Spencer
Jim Stephens
Barbara Wingo

Absent:

Mickey Angell
Dan Anson
Murray Laurie
Florence Turcotte

Also 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 Mary Anne Morgan at 6:35 p.m., on April 15, 2014, at the Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Station, Cross Creek, Florida.

The minutes of the January 28, 2015, meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Anne Pierce distributed and discussed the Treasurer's report. She noted that part of a CD was cashed (because of a low balance in the checking account) and that there would be expenses for one more newsletter in this fiscal year. She noted that Rawlings Elementary School needed a contribution to its school trip fund; the school will probably need ongoing assistance of about \$100 per year. *The Yearling* event expenses do not include expenses for the food for Baxter's Rations. Anne stated that it would appear that the Friends of the Farm

expenses would come in under budget. She pointed out that there are still a few unsold t-shirts; Flo Turcotte will bring them to the annual meeting.

Membership Report:

Anne Pierce indicated that there was one new life member. She thanked Jim Stephens for the gift of books.

Farm Report:

Valerie Rivers discussed personnel changes and other issues at the Farm. Sheila Barnes will be retiring. A new office will be brought in and will be located in the area near the campground site. She stated that she was conducting the annual 10% reduction exercise. She also noted that a new volunteer agreement is now required each year. The forms were passed out and signed by the board members.

Year of *The Yearling*:

Anne noted the success of the two scrub trips. Many more birds – particularly scrub jays – were seen. The new managers of Silver Glen Springs reached out to the group. Elaine noted that there were 13 presentations and presented a draft listing for the board to review. Jim Stephens discussed the cemetery tour that was part of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society conference. He noted that Enzo Torcoletti expressed interest in doing a bronze sculpture for the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings grave.

Newsletter and Annual Meeting:

The newsletter deadline is May 23. Since the annual meeting is May 10, a postcard will be sent to announce it. The price for the annual meeting will be \$5 for members and the full amount for the meal for non-members. Murray Laurie will give a talk on “Old Cross Creek” and the Spencers will present a photographic slide show. The MKR birthday event also needs to be noted in the newsletter. Jim Stephens will be providing an article and photographs of his cemetery tour. Anne Pierce will write an article on the scrub trips.

Dan Cantliffe discussed his research on the MKR packinghouse.

Nominating Committee Report:

The slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting on May 10 were nominated by the committee and unanimously accepted by the Board:

President: Elaine Spencer

Vice-President: Neal Spencer

Treasurer: Anne Pierce

Secretary: Barbara Wingo

Old Business:

There was a preliminary discussion of updating the new bylaws. The bylaws committee consisting of Mary Anne Morgan, Anne Pierce and Barbara Wingo, will make a report at the next Board of Directors meeting.

As a result of Anne's review of the bylaws, she moved that the following membership level amounts be changed to the following effective July 1, 2014:

Type	1 yr.	3 yr.	5 yr.	10 yr.	Lifetime
Individual	\$25	\$70	\$105	\$200	\$450
Family	\$30	\$85	\$130	\$250	\$550
Educational	\$30	\$85	\$130	\$250	\$550
Corporate	\$55	\$155	\$255	\$500	\$1000

The motion was passed unanimously.

The Blueberry Festival will be May 17. Anne Pierce and Mary Anne Morgan volunteered to represent the Farm at that event. Other volunteers are welcome.

The next board of directors meeting will be July 29. There was discussion of changing the day of the board's meetings. Jim Stephens will research the Yearling Restaurant as the site of a meeting on Thursday nights.

Mary Anne Morgan indicated that she would be writing the ~~annual report~~ President's cover letter for the CSO Annual Financial Report. This report covers the FY 2013-2014 through July 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Wingo
Secretary