

**Suncoast Sandpipers
Planning Meeting
July 16, 2008**

Purpose: 2009 YRE planning

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by President Alice Lawrence

Present:

Alice Lawrence	Mary Barbieri
Jim Lawrence	Al Barbieri
Gail VanValkenburg	Mary Hagemann
Paul VanValkenburg	Clare Conant
Judy Cunningham	Carolin Booth
Darla Wetzel	Ralph Money
Vicki Crowley	

Old Business:

Upcoming Events:

Aug 3 St Pete walk and Ray's game (all the tickets have been sold).
Sep 13 Fort De Soto (**change**) Gail and Paul will give a birding presentation.
Oct 25 Oldsmar Oktoberfest
Oct 31 -Nov 2 WAF Sebring, FL
Nov 9 Roser Park YRE (Art Show)
Dec Group Walks

New Business:

Alex's Lemonade Stand: Jim (treasurer) stated approximately \$130 was collected from the fundraiser at Hillsborough River State Park. Darla Wetzel made a motion to have the club contribute additional money to bring the total donation to \$200. Carolin Booth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to do so.

2009 YREs:

Each of the YREs was reviewed for attendance (as reported by Judy Cunningham for the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2008) and then a discussion was conducted as to whether to keep or discontinue that YRE. Alice had contacted the monitors for the each walk and all she contacted agreed to continue as monitors. The results were as follows:

Fort De Soto Park	Keep (at least for another year)
Hillsborough River State Park	Keep
NE Largo	Keep
Largo /Belleair	Keep
Safety Harbor	Keep
St. Petersburg NE	Keep
ST. Petersburg Roser Park	Keep
San Antonio	Keep
Sarasota/Downtown	Keep
Sarasota/Lido Key	Keep
Tampa/downtown	Keep
Tampa/Ybor City	Combine with Tampa/Downtown
Tarpon Springs/Sponge Docks	Keep
Tarpon Springs/Howard Park	Keep

Jim stated that there was no loss on any walks this year. The club pays \$20 per year for a sanction fee plus \$1.25 per participant. The two Tampa walks may be combined to a 20 km walk with the Ybor City walk being discontinued. There was a suggestion for the Fort De Soto walk that some type of flyer could be distributed to the campground to let the people know that the YRE existed. There is a proposal for an YRE in Oldsmar but the monitor has not responded to Alice. A decision on this walk will be made in August.

Gas Mileage reimbursement;

There was a discussion as to if/how the YRE monitors should be reimbursed for their gas mileage. The Treasurer recommended that this be done. Mary Barbieri made a motion to have Jim come up with a recommended reimbursement policy. The finance committee (Jim, Dawn, and Ralph) will review and make a recommendation.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim explained the financial report as of June 30th (copy attached).

General Discussion:

Al asked about any news from the AVA and Alice reported all was peaceful. The February walk in Longboat Key in 2009 was mentioned. Carolyn wanted to have a specialty sale and Alice indicated February would be a good time. Parking meters may be installed at the Lido Key YRE parking area.

Jim reminded everyone that Alice's tenure as President was up in 11 months.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Vicki Crowley
Secretary