SAVE LAKE WEIR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2024
LAKE WEIR YACHT CLUB

President Reese Bourgeois opened the meeting at 2:00 pm. Jack Harwood led with the invocation and Cliff Forrester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reese introduced Jonah Henderson from the Weirsdale Boy Scout troop who is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout. His project to earn that rank is installing wood duck houses around the lake. He had a sign-up sheet for volunteers that would allow him to place the houses on their properties.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Jason Bennett with Lake Watch. Lake Watch monitors water quality and levels of phosphorous, chlorophyll and nitrogen in lakes, rivers and the coastline of Florida. It has 1800 volunteers and 600 samples are taken yearly. The levels in Lake Weir are rising and the clarity of the water has gone down. Excess of nutrients causes algae. Algae blooms can be reported to the Dept of Environmental Protection, 855-305-3903 and the agency will inspect.

The business meeting was called to order after the presentation. Reese opened the floor for elections and nominations. The following were elected to the board for a three year term: Laura McDonald, At Large, Reese Bourgeois, Little Lake Weir and Jane Sands, Ocklawaha. Reese recognized the SLW board members:
Bill Trice, Cliff Forrester, Greg Wiley, Jane Sands, Laura McDonald, Tom Cartwright, Bonnie Meyer and Carol Caruso.

Bill Trice moved that the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting be approved, Robbie seconded. The motion was approved.

Bonnie Meyer gave the treasurers report and it was approved. Income for 2023 (membership dues and donations) was $3,676.15, Expenses were 2,950.87, (printing, website and mailings/PO Box) overall net income $725.28. Assets $27,929.39, $17,213.65 in Checking and $10,715.74 in a Certificate of Deposit.

Laura McDonald reported that she is working on mailing communications to 700 Lake Weir residents to educate them on ways to care for the lake responsibly.

Volunteers are needed for Lake Watch to collect water samples in Little Lake Weir and Sunset Harbor.

Carol Caruso reported that last year, SLW has 406 members, with 7 new members attending the meeting.

Reese reported that he has been meeting with SJRWM to discuss the possibility of establishing a BMAP, Basin Management Action Plan, for Lake Weir. We are currently under the jurisdiction of the Silver Springs plan. If Lake Weir has a separate plan, we'd be more likely to obtain federal assistance for projects such as installing a sewer system. Matt McClain with the County will help with this effort. Reese is also working with Mr. McClain on the water flow problem on Sunset Harbor and Bird Island.

There was a discussion of several topics by members. It was noted that the Roberts development on Carney Island will be required to install a private sewer system.

Jane Sands made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robbie seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Voge