FRARO Membership meeting Minutes
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- Call to order and Introduction of the Board
- FRARO Board Members
    - Chair – Rob Hewett
    - Vice Chair – Edwin Patterson
    - Secretary – Julia Gumpert
    - Treasurer – Bill Hewett
    - Director – Vychee Doyle (Absent)
    - Director – Aaron Edmonds
    - Director – June Estep (Absent)
    - Director – Judy Hewett
    - Director – Elaine Rider (Absent)
- Updates on RARO from John Privette, Superintendent
    - New hiring policy for park employees has been implemented
    - 290,000 visitors to FRARO this year
    - 38 medical calls
    - 14,000 camping nights rented
    - Over 60 citations issued this year
    - Alcoholic beverages now permitted on State Park grounds
- Review of meeting minutes from Sep 27th Board meeting
- Edwin P. discussed his Raven Sculpture idea for the pollinator garden
    - Sculptor is willing to use materials we specify
    - Size we are looking at is 3ft tall and 6ft wingspan
    - Estimated cost would be around $2500
    - Looking at using a “fake” rock as a base
- Discussed T-shirt sales
    - Current stock is still good
    - Look at making a new design
    - Sold out of hats and mugs
- Financial report
    - $15,132.22 in the bank
    - $433.38 in petty cash
    - Still have an obligation to pay for pollinator garden supplies (need to review history with FSP to determine exact amount still available)
- Membership communication
    - Bill/Ginger work out sending letters to members who
        - Have paid
        - Have not paid for 2022
- Discussed holding membership drives
    - RARO Info Board posting
    - Creating a simple pamphlet
    - Carmalita S. willing to pass around flyers on the North Side

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- Discussed current FSP business
    - Annual membership meeting was held Oct 30th at Cliffs of the Neuse SP
    - David Pearson had obtained and utilized 108 proxy votes to nominate and confirm all 16 Board of Directors openings.
    - Jim Richardson resigned after the meeting (this was expected and not related to the proxy vote issue)
- Bench Donation Project Status
    - Dr. Sootz bench placement
    - New bench donation to Lanier Falls after plaque comes in
    - Discussed the rising cost of benches
        - Last bench purchased cost $618 which is well over the $500 we charge
        - Agreed to put a hold on any new purchases until after the January 2022 Board meeting
        - Website to be updated to reflect this
- Discussed the need to clear out a large muddy area on the West Loop bridle trail
- Discussed the potential need for signage on the North side
    - Parking issues
    - Pets need to be leashed
    - Right of way rules sign
- Discussed the status of the pollinator garden
    - Need to know how much of the grant is still available
    - Work continues as manpower permits
    - Update on list of native plants expected soon from Dr. Bartlett
    - J.E.Womble still interested in donating materials
    - Plan to have plants in the ground around April 2022
- Discussed how COVID affects volunteer help
    - Requirement to have a negative test every week
- New Business
    - Bench hardware corrosion
        - Need to get a list together of what it will take to replace all the hardware on a single bench
        - Need to purchase the upgraded hardware for all current benches
        - Need to replace the hardware for all current benches
    - Need to schedule a discovery walk and post on the website
- Golf Cart
    - Bill of sale?
    - Donation paperwork from FRARO to RARO
- John P. asked that FRARO support a meal donation to partner agencies for the outstanding support they have provided this past year. The Board agreed to spend $300.

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- A motion was made and approved to increase the monthly morale support to RARO staff for a once-a-month community meal. Increase approved was to $60 from the previous amount of $40.
- Board Nominations
    - Aaron Edmonds, Jeffery Carroll, Tiffany Holbrook, and Paola Pile were all nominated for one of the three open Directors Positions. Jeffery, Tiffany, and Paola were elected.
- Motion to adjourn was made and approved