

Wild Women on the Water

Minutes - June 7, 2022

There were 24 present at the meeting.

Linda Lankenau introduced the speaker for the evening:

Florida State Park Ranger Gavin Nopp who will speak about the State Nature Parks in Islamorada. Ranger Nopp is an avid Fisherman and moved to the Keys in 2017 and became a Park Range in 2019.

Ranger Nopp showed a short video about Florida State Parks and then discussed the State parks in Islamorada.

Windley Key Fossil Geological State Park – Located on Windley Key. It was a former quarry used by Henry Flagler in the early 1900s to help build Overseas Railroad. Visitors can walk along the quarry walls and see sections of ancient coral. Guided tours are available December through April.

Indian Key Historic State Park – On the Oceanside, it is accessible by boat or kayak only. This was the first Dade County seat. The 11 acre island is deserted except for the ruins of a town that existed in the 1800s when the residents made their living from salvaging boats that ran aground on local reef.

Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park – On the Bayside it is accessible by boat or kayak only. There is a historic home on the island and a hardwood hammock. Guided tours are available December through April.

San Pedro Underwater Archaeological Preserve – This underwater preserve features a submerged shipwreck perfect for diving and snorkeling.

Ranger Nopp also explained how to get your boat safely out of very shallow water without damaging the sea grass.

After the presentation Patrice Messina started introductions of members present.

Speakers - Linda Lankenau, upcoming presentations:

July – Jeanette from Marine Lab

August – Rebecca will discuss white water rafting around the world

September – Vivian and Pat will discuss Florida Bay Forever

October – Wild Women on the Water, past, present and future

Financial – Kathy Sill, more members have paid their dues and we are in the black financially.

Membership – Diane Ziomek, 41 paid members, 4 honorary members. New members – Jennifer Lee, Jenny Nopp, Christina Pappera.

A list was sent via email re: all members and their contact information.

Birthdays – June 3 – June Mara
June 6 – Susanna May

Sunshine – Judy O’Hara Vetrick, Get Well, Retirement Congratulations and Encouragement cards were sent out.

Thanks to Sugie Stedham for the White Elephant Luncheon

June Activity – Saturday June 11, Fishing Tournament at Bobbi Freeland’s house, 102 Redwing Road, Tavernier. Bobbi also illustrated a children’s book and it was passed around

July Activity – July 2, raft up behind Founders Park by swimming area

Next Meeting July 5th

50/50 won by speaker Gavin Nopp

Meeting adjourned