



## FTA Annual Meeting April 2, 2016 United Church of Gainesville

### ATTENDING

Carlos Schomaker, President; Megan Digeon, VP Governance; Eve Barbour, VP Membership; Leslie Wheeler, Secretary	Quorum established.	Staff: Janet Akerson, Alex Stigliano, Karl Borton, Jeff Glenn Partner: Stacey Lamborn (FL Fish and Wildlife)
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Chapter Representation	Alligator Amblers (Carl Kepfora, Carlos Schomaker) Apalachee (Dawn Brown, Howard Pardue) Big Cypress (David Denham) Black Bear (Pete Durnell, Ruth Lawler, Linda Taylor) Central (Eve Barbour, Elaine Fisher) Crackers (Auz Gage, Mitch Sapp, Janet Akerson, Diane Strong) Happy Hoofers (Megan Digeon) Heartland (David Waldrop) Highlanders (John Grob, Gene Bouley) Indian River (Bev Frannea, Noreen Poor) Loxahatchee (Bea Rogers) North Florida Trailblazers (Tracey Tyrell, Ira Eick, Linda Benton, Leslie Wheeler) Panhandle (Cathie Thompson) Suncoast (Adam Wiegand) Suwannee (Norm McDonald) Western Gate (Helen Wigtersma)	
BOD Elections	Presented slate of officers: VP Membership – Eve Barbour running for 2 <sup>nd</sup> term VP Trails – David Waldrop running for 1 <sup>st</sup> term Director – David Denham running for 2 <sup>nd</sup> term Director – Auz Gage running for 1 <sup>st</sup> term  Carlos explained we are building a better Board to make FTA a	

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	<p>stronger organization. Nominating Committee consist of 2 members from the Board and 1 member from Chapter Council.</p> <p>Motion from Pete Durnell to accept the slate as is. Noreen Poor seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 100% unanimously.</p>	
<p>Trails Report, Alex Stigliano</p>	<p>Review of 2015-2016 Trail Report. Kelly Wiener was hired in April to work in the Central-South Florida region as a USFS FT Regional representative. Alex reported that all trail goals were either were met or surpassed. USFS trained 29 certified sawyers.</p> <p>Special Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spring Creek Salt Marsh boardwalk. Internal FTA fundraising earned \$16k needed to build boardwalk. Will be completed by next season.</li> <li>2. Completed boardwalk at Ocean Pond (Osceola NF)</li> <li>3. Installed 2 pitcher pumps at Three Lakes WMA as a pilot project with potential for more.</li> <li>4. Sponsored 4 groups of college students on alternative break.</li> <li>5. 7 days in remote part of Big Cypress NP for trail maintenance was completed</li> </ol> <p>More projects to come: Swift Creek, more pitcher pumps, Deseret re-route.</p> <p>USFS is increasing marketing efforts for FNST. Recently hired graphic design intern. Will work on FNST welcome packet, and new banner and display materials. Enhanced project reporting software will increase location accuracy using GPS units (for FNST only).</p> <p>No funding at this time for wilderness first aid training, but USFS will reimburse chapter for first aid training.</p> <p>Trail marker at Gulf Islands is due in November 2016.</p> <p>USFS has purchased several sizes of trail signs for use on</p>	

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	FNST. Contact your USFS FT rep.	
Treasurer's Report – Carlos	Still meeting budget for this fiscal year. It takes \$90-100k annually to pay staff and basic organizational operations. Chapters have \$76k total in their accounts.	
Staff Report Janet Akerson	Annual conference October 20-23 in Sanborn. Thursday night will be meet and greet. Friday will focus on FTA's past history. Saturday will focus on the present and future of FTA.	Janet also asked that chapters send a letter to the office when considering using the FT logo. Board needs to know when the logo is used across the State.
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Pete Durnell. Second by David Denham. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 10:30am.	

Submitted by Leslie Wheeler, Secretary May 12, 2016

Approved May 20, 2016