

**MEETING MINUTES for the Friends of the Manchac Greenway Board Meeting
April 23, 2019 @ Turtle Cove Research Station, Pass Manchac, LA**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. James Nelson, Galen Schum, Greg Za Maurin, Tom Kane (Canoe & Trail Adventures), Tom Dumas, Frank Neelis, Lisa Williams, Ashley Goodrich (St. John Parish Planning), Dr. Rob Moreau, Terry Jones (Port Manchac Village) and Ben Taylor.

The meeting commenced aboard the Turtle Cove pontoon shuttle awaiting departure.

03/13/19 MEETING MINUTES were approved by prior e-mail.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Treasurer Galen):

- Activities and final balance - \$3,608.00
- Some membership donations remain "stuck" in the PayPal system and webmaster George Becnel will be consulted.
- Paperwork for maintaining the organization's IRS status has been submitted.
- The new Post Office box is 835, Laplace LA 70069.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- The Fleur de Lis LA Iris Festival of April 7 was set up well enough, it just lacked for guests because of a rain threat. There was some consideration for doing this on Strawberry Festival weekend next time.
- Za reported that because of a scheduling conflict, plans for the Bec's to the Bridge Marathon and Half Marathon on November 24 may be altered. This program will proceed with assistance from St. John tourism officials.

FRIENDS OF THE MANCHAC GREENWAY BROCHURE:

- Ben pointed out certain aspects of our brochure and map should be updated and will work with Lisa and her computer-savvy offspring on a new version.

CANOE LAUNCHES:

A general discussion about the disposition of the Shell Bank boat launch on the Manchac Greenway in St. John Parish took up the remainder of the meeting. Ms. Goodrich, Tom Kane and others attempted to trade information and ideas and it was agreed that further research and study were needed to get on top of the situation for the best advantage of all concerned parties. A committee of Za, Ben, George Becnel and Ashley agreed to look into the matter.

The meeting was adjourned for the group to enjoy a wonderful boat tour of Pass Manchac captained by Dr. Rob Moreau and the inspection of his Turtle Cove Research Station and boardwalks. Thank you Rob, you've done a magnificent job!

NEXT MEETING:

2:00 Tuesday, May 21, at the Turtle Cove Office, Galva, LA