

**SAVE THE HOMOSASSA RIVER ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**September 13, 2018**

Meeting began with President Kopocsi welcoming members and guests.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,962.83
Deposits	422.38
Checks/Debits	692.10
Ending Balance	\$ 8,693.11

President Kopocsi welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board had met three times during the summer. Lots of good things have happened.

Scallop signs - Signs are now at the head of the Blue Water. The signs have been redesigned. The County logo has been removed and the word please has been added. Frank has been speaking with the BOCC a lot lately. Jeff Kinnard said he has been getting calls from his constituents regarding the scallop problem and we do need a law in regards to scalloping shell dumping. Jimmy T. Smith has been getting calls from outside counties so we are attracting attention to this problem.

Frank met with the Freshwater and Game Commission and addressed special rules and regulations and how to apply them to the Homosassa. They do agree that the FWC website is lacking in rules and regulations. They are going to try to clarify rules regarding cast netting, in particular.

Steve Minguy was unable to attend the meeting but Mr. Kopocsi said that Senator Simpson has guaranteed that the River Restoration is getting 2 million dollars.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Seafood Festival – the Board has agreed to purchase a canopy, canopy banner and a table sign to use at the Festival. We have been working very hard to design the banner. We spoke to Terry Green, President Of the Homosassa Civic Club and asked if we can give t-shirts away with any donation given to the Alliance and he said he would get back to us on that. We will give a shirt to persons who donate a certain amount of money to the Alliance, if permitted. Polo shirts are being purchased with HRA logo for directors. Jake Jacobs is working on getting artifacts for the HRA booth. Anything to draw attention. SWFWMD is providing us with pamphlets.

Board member Brad Rimbey, member and president of the Florida Springs Council, reported that HRA is a member of this council. There are 40 some members from our area and 350,000 collectively so the legislature listens. A summit will be held in November in Ocala. Brad will attend and represent HRA. He is going to legally challenge the BMaps for North Florida springs because the BMaps are not worth much weight.

Maxine Connor, a member of HRA and League of Voters, reported that waterfront setbacks will be brought up again at the BOCC Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mark Green, Citrus County staff, spoke at a League of Voters meeting and tried to explain the county's position. We will be watching for these changes. Bill Garvin suggested we attend the meeting regarding the setbacks because it is very important we understand what is happening there and we can report it to our members.

Gordon Colvin made a power point presentation to the general audience showing our goals and projects and how we are hoping for teamwork to accomplish these goals. What does the future look like for us? We want to have a clear agenda, be actively engaged, and need a strong membership to get these projects accomplished. We are looking for new ideas. Focus areas can be things such as setbacks, BMaps, septic to name a few. We thank Gordon and Phyllis for all of their hard work.

We have submitted ta grant o FWC to fund our scallop shell outreach program. Social Media and a better website will help. We're working on that. If we don't get the grant, we will try for another.

Bill Garvin mentioned K.C. Krumps is applying to the Planning and Development Commission for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) so they can have seating on the docks and sea wall. Discussion followed as to whether that is a good idea. Some agreed , some did not. It was felt that trash would fall into the river if people sat on docks and seawalls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Submitted by Iris Rose, Secretary