

The Annual Meeting of the Pear Association was held in the Pear Park Administration/Nature Center on December 16, 2019. President Gary Salzman called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Present for today's meeting were President Gary Salzman, Vice-President/Treasurer Robert Putman, Secretary George Wolf, Directors Hal Urban and Eugene Bouley. Also present were members Peg Urban and Jean Morse. Absent from today's meeting was representation from the Lake County Parks and Trails Department.

The minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Hal motioned to approve the minutes and Jean seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

President Salzman departed from the agenda items to allow Gene Bouley to present his items as he needed to leave to attend other responsibilities. Gene reported on the Nature Center. A financial donation is coming from Gene's family for the Nature Center maintenance. A Shell collection and cabinet has been donated. Arrangements to bring this collection to our facility are to be made. Gene reports the trails are in excellent condition. The River Trail is very active. Gene also reported on the county plan to remove the bridge on the perimeter trail.

The Highlanders Chapter of Florida Trail Association has upgraded and weeded the Memorial Section adjoining the Heritage Grove. An additional memorial brick is now on order from Southern Monument.

Gene reports that he is amenable to accepting the Vice President position for 2020.

Returning to the agenda items, President Salzman called for the Treasurer's report. Bob Putman distributed his report indicating income of \$900 since our November 18, 2019 meeting from memberships and donations and purchase of a Heritage tree. Our balance as of December 16, 2019 after expenses is \$4238.75.

Correspondence reported – Eleanor Hall sent a donation to be in remembrance of her husband, Wayne Hall and Orville Walter. The Halls and Walters were active members of our Association in years past. Another donation was received from Cathy Benton. Cathy reports her new address and encourages our continuing efforts at Pear Park. Cathy was one of our original people to seek the preservation of this land from commercial or residential development.

Membership – George Wolf reported our 2019 membership at 94. The 2020 membership campaign has a total of 74 members to date.

Orville Walter Grape Arbor and Meadows and Wildflowers, both under management of the Parks and Trails are looking good.

Pear Pearls - George Wolf reported two editions of our newsletter published and distributed in 2019. George called attention to the failure of posting the current publication on our website. This will be reviewed with our web administrator.

Mowing – Hal reports a busy year with the expense exceeding our budget. The mowing activity by our Association is presently curtailed for the winter season.

Bluebird Trail – This is another activity now managed by Parks and Trails. A supply of bird boxes is on site awaiting placement.

Community Gardens – Gary reports we are awaiting placement of planting boxes. The area must be cleared before this is accomplished. We are waiting on Parks and Trails for this improvement. This is a concern as the winter growing season is upon us and our gardeners are unable do their planting. (over)

Heritage Grove – A brick is awaiting placement and a second brick is on order.

Volunteers – A new volunteer has been assisting in the Tuesday morning effort. Additional plants have been added this past year.

Demonstration Garden – Peg reports growth this year and increased activity from wildlife. A resident Coachwhip snake is known to be growing as observed by a snakeskin nearby nearly 10 feet long.

Historian – Bob reports end of year update of materials to be added to our archives. Minutes and Financial data to be preserved.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

2020 Budget – Treasurer, Bob Putman presented a proposed budget for 2020. Figures are shown covering several areas of income and expense for 2019 and 2020. The actual amounts for 2019 are also indicated. We had projected for 2019 a deficit of \$1875, whereas our actual deficit was \$168. In 2020 we are projecting a deficit of \$2100. We have a balance on hand now of \$4239. After discussion Hal motioned to accept the 2020 budget and Jean seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

Directors - Hal Urban and George Wolf were nominated as directors for three year terms. Peg motioned to elect these two individuals and Jean seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2020 meeting schedule – Dates for meetings were set for March 16, June 15, September 21, November 16, and December 14, 2020. Bob motioned to approve these dates. Hal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** - Hal motioned to adjourn and Jean seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,      George Wolf, Secretary

**Pear Association, Inc.      Reorganization Meeting      December 16, 2019**

President Gary Salzman presented a slate of officers to the Board of Directors. The slate under consideration was:

Gary Salzman, President      Gene Bouley, Vice President      George Wolf, Secretary  
Bob Putman, Treasurer      Sally Schulte, Corresponding Secretary

This slate was approved by all present.

Gary reappointed all committee chairs for the coming year.

Hal motioned for adjournment and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,      George Wolf, Secretary

These minutes of Annual and Reorganization Meetings were approved at the March 16, 2020 meeting.