



The Florida SKP Resort, 2219 SKP Way, Wauchula, FL 33873-4870

March 2020

It's Been a Journey... And It's All Good

Last season, Jim Krueger, Asst. Treasurer, questioned the significant increase in our real estate taxes.

That question led the Board to a Florida lawyer with 39 years of experience in community association law including condominiums, cooperatives, and homeowners' associations.

After reviewing our articles of incorporation and by-laws, the attorney informed us that we are not a co-op because members do not:

- have leases
- pay a \$4 annual state fee per lot
- · sell their lots at the market price
- pay their own taxes

We ARE a not-for-profit mutual benefit corporation in accordance with FL Statute 617. It was clear to the attorney that this was the intent of the original organizers. By following the laws of the appropriate Florida statute, we have the flexibility to continue to operate in the manner we have since 1987.

The change in our park's designation in no way affects the way we choose to live here at the Florida SKP Resort. In fact, there are a number of benefits. These include

- Less stringent Florida laws that govern not-for-profit corporations.
- Much more freedom to write our by-laws and standing rules the way the members choose.
- The freedom to decide to reinstitute general proxies in our voting.

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Update on Site Upgrades

By Ed Landry

The county has the drawings and all the other information needed to grant the permit. We are waiting for all that information to get through their system and get signed.

When you see someone in the boon-dock area with a surveyors transit, you know that the real work is about to start.



Board Meeting

Note Time Tuesday, March 10 9:00 am

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 Continue to operate in accordance with the CO-OP attributes we desire by amending the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

This development does not create a crisis, because we can continue with business as usual. However, next year will be a busy time as we review our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to get them into alignment with Florida Statute 617 as our attorney has advised.

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Fun 'n Sun Board

This year's board has kept the calendar full and plans are already being made for next season. With the addition of Anne Warren and Diane Luppens to the board, we have another great leadership crew.



1sr row I-r Members at Large: Diane Luppens, Rose Irons, Lanette Breault 2nd Row I-r Susan Wszalek, Vice-Chair; Cathy Landry, Chair; Anne Warren, Secretary; Janet Gibson, Treasurer



The Search/Election Committee registered 69 memberships represented at the meeting and 36 proxies counted for a total of 105 of our 126 memberships. Last year's membership representation was 67 present and 34 proxies.

June Post, Ed Landry, and Dick Pearce, were nominated for the Board of Directors and were elected by acclimation.

The 2020-21 Board positions were filled as follows:

President	Frank King
Vice-President	Ed Landry
Secretary	June Post
Treasurer	Pat Dubuc

Dick Pearce has since resigned for personal reasons. The Board is currently working to fill the two existing vacancies.

The treasurer reported that the 2019 excess operating funds available to members was \$25,560.93 which when divided among the 126 memberships equals \$202.86. In accordance with our by-laws, this amount will be credited to each membership before April 15.

Fourteen proposals were presented for a vote. By-Law changes require a 2/3 yes vote of the entire membership which is 84 yes votes. Standing Rule changes require a simple majority of the entire membership which is 64 yes votes.

Proposal 1—By-Law ChangeWithdrawn due to improper wording.

Proposal 2—Land Purchase
FAILED 51 Yes

Proposal 3—Standing Rules

Remove "5. At any membership meeting any membership may propose a motion to amend the Standing Rules." FAILED 60 Yes

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Proposal 4 —Standing Rules

Amend references of "days" to "nights" and daily to per "night."

Passed 95 Yes

Proposal 5—Standing Rules

Delete newspaper recycling rule.

Passed 103 Yes

Proposal 6—Standing Rules

Add "Dogs and cats may run free in the gated enclosed dog park located north of the dumpsters..."

PASSED 99 Yes

Proposal 7—Standing Rules

Amend storage of not more than 1 space per member and assigned Nov 1—Apr 30. Passed 81 Yes

Proposal 8—Standing Rules

Amend to Board "has implemented" PASSED 92 Yes

Proposal 9—Standing Rules

Amend to Board *has* implemented
PASSED 94 Yes

Proposal 10—Standing Rules

Amend the word "days" to "nights"

Passed 100 Yes

Proposal 11— Standing Rules

Amend the word "days" to "nights" and Board *has* implemented

Passed 98 Yes

Proposal 12—Standing Rules

Amend the word "days" to "nights"
Passed 100 Yes

Proposal 13—Standing Rules

Amend peak seasonal rental from "30 days" to "60 nights." PASSED 97 Yes

Proposal 14—Standing Rules

Add "Dogs and cats may run free in the gated enclosed dog park located north of the dumpsters..."

PASSED 99 Yes

Minutes of all Board and Annual meetings are available in their entirety on the park's website, www.fl-skp-resort.org and on the bulletin board in the card room.

Caring For Our Park
Past, Present and Future

Why Proposal #1 Was Withdrawn

by Ed Landry

Proposal #1 was an attempt to change the wording in our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws which affects how we count votes.

Our current practice of requiring 2/3 of the entire membership to approve these changes has become awkward. Based on the past two years, between 15-20% of our membership have not voted.

Proposal #1 was an attempt to remove the non-votes entirely from consideration. However, after seeking legal advice. I now understand that although the intent was clear the wording was not. Working under the time restrictions involved in sending out the annual packet, it was not possible to re-write the proposal to meet the required timetable for the annual meeting.

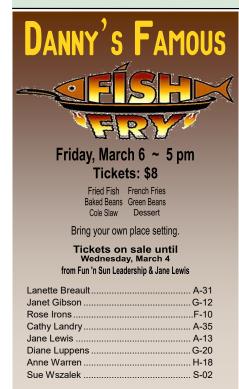
I've worked on this for the last year and wanted to get it right, but recent developments revealed that additional re-wording needed to occur to accomplish my intent. I want to thank all those who took the time to send in their proxies and explain why I withdrew the proposal.

So, What Now?

For now, the requirement of 2/3 of the entire membership to make changes to the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and assessments is still in place. The members that do not show up affect the count. This is all about how we count votes, not about the yeses or nos. It is about members who care enough to come to our meetings or send in their proxies. Nobody's rights are taken away except those that have their vote diluted by those who do not vote.

It is my desire that this proposal be voted on as soon as possible. The lawyer informed us of a voting method called "Written Consent." Because we are incorporated under Florida Statute 617, we can use this method for voting for an issue without having to wait for the next annual meeting. I hope to be able to use the Written Consent in the near future.

March Special Events







Ceremony & Campfire
Thursday, March 12 ~ 6:30 pm
Fire ring in green space
across from the clubhouse.

Bring any worn out flags you want to retire. and a chair.



This season we enjoyed the musical talents of our own Ted Lester on his guitar and visitors Charles & Eunice Noderer (above) with their dulcimer/guitar music.

Potluck

Thursday, March 26 5 pm

Bring a family favorite representative of your heritage to serve 10-12 and your place setting.

Come to play the
Nickles Game
6:30 pm
whether or not you come for dinner



Monthly Activities



Sunday, March 8
2 pm



Root Beer Float

\$2.00

Sign Up in Clubhouse

Monday March 2 9:00 am



LEO Let's Eat Out

Wednesday, March 11 Meet @ 1 pm at



Everyone is invited!

Sign Up in Clubhouse



Tuesday, March 24

3 p.m.

Site: F-04 1272 Travel Trail (Bring lawn chair) Hosted by Norm & Ginny Milliard

Monthly Activities



Friday, March 20 1 pm

We will be discussing *The Art of Racing in the Rain,* by Garth Stein. This is a heart-wrenching but very funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope. There is a popular movie out of this book, too. All are welcome to attend and discuss the book and/or movie. See Laurie Milliard at H-37 if you have any questions, or need a copy of the book. She has several copies from the Wauchula library.

ROMEOs All men in the park are invited. Please join us!

Wednesday, March 18
Meet at 11:00 am at



6813 US 27 South Sebring

Sign up in Clubhouse



All ladies in the park are invited.

Please join us!

Wednesday, March 18 Meet at 1:00 pm at

Cang Tong Sushi and Chinese/Japanese Restaurant

110 Sebring Square (in the plaza with Winn Dixie) on US 27 N in Sebring

Sign Up in Clubhouse



To All Our Visitors Who Pitched In!

We are grateful and encouraged to have worked alongside so many of you who chose to participate fully in community life during your stay.

From cooking meals, trimming palm trees, roof cleaning, visiting our more homebound residents, to serving on a kitchen clean up crew, helping with park maintenance, or entertaining us, you not only came to play, but to engage fully in life here at the park. For that, we thank you!

You have taken advantage of the opportunity to get to know us and learn our values first hand. We had the of pleasure of getting to know you. Because you share our values, some of you have chosen to put your name on the prospective member list. That is exciting news! You have set an example that we hope many other visitors will follow.

Thank you for your friendship, your participation, your contributions, and your example. The future of our park has never looked brighter.

When You Decide to Terminate Your Membership

As much as we don't want to think about it, it will happen to all of us eventually...the decision to terminate our membership.

A brochure has been prepared for to help members learn what steps they need to take when they reach that decision to turn in their lot.

A copy will be placed in each member's mailbox. It will also be posted under the Member dropdown menu on the park's website.

It would serve you well to read through it to familiarize yourself with any legal documents you will need in the event of the loss of a spouse/ partner whether by divorce or deathso you have them when you do decide to leave the park.

It will also provide information that will help you have a reasonable timetable for completing your termination.



Rental Pool Commitments Due by April 1

Members are encouraged to put their site in the rental pool during their absence. This helps defray operating expenses.

Another benefit of having a robust rental pool is how it makes it possible for other Escapees to visit and participate in the life of our park.

The paperwork for putting lots in the rental pool for next season must be turned in by Wednesday, **April 1.**

If their circumstances change once a member puts their site in the rental pool, they can regain use of their site with 8 days notice to the office.

If a member returns to the park prior to the 8th day of notice and their assigned site is rented, they may either be temporarily assigned another site (space available) or be permitted to BOONDOCK until the notice period of eight (8) days is completed.

Pick up rental commitment forms in the office. Be aware that a new rental form needs to be made out each time the member leaves the Resort.



CPR Class Organized by Our Safety/Emergency Committee

Marsha Hodgkins & Heather Scheel

Lots of Learnin' This Month

days of the park's development in 1988..

Enjoying the celebration.



Jackie Murray learning how to use Jo Mellis' spinning wheel.





Learning About Southeast Asia from Robert Mellis







Weekly Activities

Monday

Table of Knowledge Weekdays 7:00 am



Coffee Available 25 cents / cup

Monday - Friday 7 am in Clubhouse

Breakfast 7:50 am



Ala Carte Menu

No breakfast on March 16 because of luau. Weekly Announcements 9 am

Colored Pencil Class Mondays ~ 1 pm

Contact Gary Wyatt, S-07, for more information and for materials list.

330-248-3326

Scrapbooking



For More Info: Audrey Wyatt S-07



Monday 3-4 pm



Happy Hour

Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm Clubhouse



Tuesday

Exercise Class

9:00 am Balance & Strength with Tai Chi Moves

Tues & Thu Mornings except board meeting days.

See June Post, H-21, for details.

Movie Night Tuesdays ~ 7 pm

3/3A Beautiful Day	in the Neighborhood
3/10	Knives Out
3/17	Dark Waters
3/24	A Dog's Journey



50¢ for movie & popcorn

BYOB

Bring Your Own Bowl

For Your Convenience...



Soda, water, ice cream, and coffee are available for sale in the clubhouse at a very reasonable price.

Purchase of these items is on the honor system. Please be sure to pay.



We've been coming up short and risk losing this convenience if it continues.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Wednesday



on Palm Lane

Wednesday & Saturday 9:00 am

Equipment & Instruction Provided Players & spectators welcome!

Bring a chair.



Wednesday ~ 7 pm

Thursday



Thursday

\$9 for 3 Games (Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun 943 S 6th Ave Downtown Wauchula All Welcome!

Whine B4 Dine



Thursdays 4 pm Pool Patio

Whether beverage of choice is pop, water, beer, or wine... all are welcome!



Thursday ~ 1 pm

Work on your knitting, crocheting, or any other handiwork project while visiting with fellow stitchers.

For More Info: Jo Mellis A-20

Weekly Activities

Friday

March Crafts

Friday at 9 am Sign up in Clubhouse

March 6

Rolled Paper Baskets, Part 1
Taught by Marsha Hodgkins

March 13

Rolled Paper Baskets, Part 2
Taught by Marsha Hodgkins

March 20

Mosaic Plant Pots or Stepping Stone Taught by Marsha Hodgkins

March 27

Tea Cup Soy Candles Taught by Marsha Hodgkins

Classes subject to change. Prices TBA

Fridays ~ 9 am

Informa Woodcarvers Gathering



Monday Speaker

Following announcements on Monday, March 9, Lorraine Gillespie and her daughter, Karen, who serves as executive director of Hannah's House, will be sharing the important work they do.

Hannah's House is a domestic violence/homeless shelter in downtown Wauchula that opened in 2007. Lorraine and John Gillespie have served the community since 1988. Hannah's House was an outgrowth of their prison ministry to men who were concerned about the families they left behind. Their mission is to provide relief and education that empowers victims of domestic abuse to become successful on their own.

Founders Hall Dedicated

At the February 2 celebration of the park's 31st birthday, the Founders Hall plaque was unveiled.

Susan Wszalek's warm, heartfelt tribute to our founding members follows.

"Good afternoon everybody and welcome to our SKP Resort's 31st Birthday Party. We're here to celebrate the park's 31 years of fun and community, but also to honor 7 of our founding members still in the park, who had the vision, drive and gumption to make this park a welcoming place for RV'rs on their travels.

"All of our founders came from many places, far and wide, and our honorees today have come from Mass (Lydia), Brooklyn, NY (Eva and Ernie), Gloucester Mass. by way of Newfoundland (Vera), Palao and Alaska (Katsue, and Mel), and Georgia (Margie) and they knew as Mark Twain, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness. Broad, wholesome, and charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's' lifetime.""

"To honor all of our founding members and to show all those who come through these doors that we haven't forgotten them and their efforts we have chosen to hang this plaque on our clubhouse wall.

Thank you and please continue to share all of your memories of this park's growth through the years.



We were blessed by the presence of founding members I-r, Lydia LaMaistre, Vera Green, Katsue VonPloennies, and Ernie & Eva Herman. We missed you Mel VonPloennies and Margie Birdl



that according to our By-Laws, excess funds at the end of the year are divided equally among the 126 memberships?

This year each membership will receive \$202.86 credited to their account by April 15.



Danny Luppens and Kenny Breault are hoisting a new flag in front of the clubhouse.

No matter what they say, flags in the Florida sun and rain do not last long.

Family News



3/03	John Ray
	Norman Milliard III
3/07	Mary Walker
3/10	Vera Greene
3/11	Arlene Krueger
3/13	Richard Frenz
	Ray Heaton
3/15	Helen Frenz
3/16	Elinor Gooding
3/16	Tony Pettinato
3/17	Paula Jones
3/18	Cathy Landry
3/19	Rita Molitor
3/29	. Dale Schmidtendorff



3/15.....John & Noreta Ray



It is with great sadness that we let you know that Dean Lamoreaux passed away on Sunday, February 16. Dean and Cheryl moved from the park to Sebring last spring to be closer to Dean's twin sister.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 2 pm at the Clubhouse in their park, 3906 Sunbird Circle, Sebring.

Arrivals/ Moves/Farewells

New Members

George & Anita Saba Jay & Diane Merritt	
Farewell Bob & Bonnie Pears John Zemba	
Moving Ken & Joan Tarkin Richard & Judi Ward	

NEW MEMBER



Bob & Jean Anne Hunt, S-01

by June Post

Like so many of us have experienced, their home is where they park it. Bob and Jean Anne Hunt's home is now parked on their new-to-them lot at Site-01. We extend a big welcome to Jeanne Cooke's daughter and son-in-law, who obtained their lot on January 24, 2020.

Bob and Jean Anne married in 2001. Even though they had grown up near each other in New Hampshire, they met only later through the sport of candlepin bowling. That's a sport played primarily in the New England states and Canada's Maritime Provinces. It is a variation of bowling played with smaller handheld-size balls and tall, thin, pins resembling candles. Each player uses 3 balls per frame, and the pins are not cleared between balls during a frame.

Bob was self-employed most of his working years doing custom design cabinetry and residential building. Jean Anne worked in customer service with Digital Equipment and Velcro USA. Between them, the couple has three children and 10 grandchildren.

Bob and Jean Anne have been full-time RVers since 2013 working at Good Sam RV parks and KOAs—so far in AR, SC, WI, VT, and, most recently, LaBelle, FL. The couple traveled with friends to the Albuquer-que Internat'l Balloon Fiesta in October and plan to travel west again in 2021 to work at Yellowstone Nat'l Park.

Meanwhile, the Hunts will be here in the park until mid-April when they will travel back to New Hampshire for a visit as they they head to their summer job in WI.

Bob's Birthday	2/12
Jean Anne's Birthday	4/23
Anniversary	2/24

NEW MEMBER



George & Anita Saba, H-36

by June Post

Have you seen the latest Adventurer in the park? That's the motorhome of our new members, George and Anita Saba. George is looking forward to helping out with Building and Improvements. So snap him up fast, folks, because he has lots of experience doing handyman work. When George and Anita bought their house on a bay of Wolcott, New York's shore of Lake Ontario, it was a true "fixer-upper" that they completely renovated.

George grew up in Lebanon and came to the USA to attend college intending to return to his country. You know how fate has a way of intervening? Well, Anita and George met in college, fell in love, married, and moved to Lebanon where they both taught for 2 years. But...along came the Six Days War between Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Syria. You can guess what little country was caught in the middle. Because they had a 3-mo-old baby, the Sabas were contacted by the Embassy and told they had 30 minutes to leave. So, they returned to the area in New York where Anita had grown up. George continued to teach for many more years. Anita worked in the pizza shop they owned before she returned to college to complete a bachelor's degree and spent the remainder of her working career as an accountant. They have a daughter in PA and a son in NY as well as 6 grands.

Retirement has included 5 years full-timing and volunteering for the Dept. of Forestry in VA and a FL state park. George enjoys woodcarving and Anita likes to crochet, sew and read.

George's Birthday	6/27
Anita's Birthday	7/20
Anniversary	6/26

Caring & Sharing in Action

It's hard to believe that March has arrived! We are already seeing members getting their RVs ready for their summer travels and RVs being closed up as our snowbirds return to their home nests.

With hurricane season rapidly approaching, it's *imperative* that those leaving their sites take responsibility for ensuring that the summer residents and the park is safe from flying objects during stormy weather. It is not fair to the few residents remaining to have to secure YOUR site for their safety. They need to be available to help our more senior residents. Please take 'caring & sharing' seriously and do your part to ensure the safety of residents and RVs during your absence.

This checklist is provided by the Safety/Emergency Committee to help keep our RVs and homes safe during summer storms. Storms can be fierce here, and we need to prepare ahead of time.

Put away flags and flag poles	Put away trash cans and grills
Put away patio furniture/chairs	Put away plant pots.
Put away garden tools and equipmen	t
	d become a torpedo in a heavy wind or storm. Do not leave plants out nem and move them indoors in case of storm.
Remove detached steps and store sa	fely
Turn off propane and water	
Turn off electricity if you are not keepi	ing your a/c or humidistat running
Close and lock hurricane shutters/aw	nings
Close and lock windows; cover with re	eflective material if desired
Check sheds and homes for leaks and	d loose shingles. Repair before leaving.
Clean out behind sheds. No loose ite	ems can remain there during the summer.

Summer Residents: It is important for everyone to band together to keep yourselves and the Resort safe. John Ray is the Safety Committee contact during the summer.

It is also important to help prepare the clubhouse and pool for storms as well.

Put away __ pool equipment and toys __ pool furniture __ any loose items around the outside of the clubhouse
Thank you! Have a safe and happy summer! Your Emergency and Safety Committee

Who Are We?

- We are members of the SKP Resort.
- 2. We were married in June of 1963.
- 3. We met in 1941.
- 4. Our mothers played bridge together...that's how we met
- When our mothers were playing bridge, we waved to each other under the table.

Who Are We?

Don't come to us to ask any questions. Just give your answers to Margery Zeller. The answer will be published in the April issue of *Cracker Crumbs*. Good luck!

Who Are We?

Clubhouse Roof Cleaning...Check



The youngsters on the roof included Danny Luppens, Kevin Polter, Bill Ewald







Bud Hodgkins & Bobby Hoffman, Spotters

Turkey Fryer Donation



A large, propane turkey fryer has been donated to the park for anyone's personal use. Not only can it fry turkey, it can be used to boil corn, lobsters, or anything else you need to cook in a large pot.

Someone was heard reminiscing about the beach picnics where it was used in days gone by.

It's located in the clubhouse storage room. Please sign it out in the kitchen. You will need to provide your own propane tank.

Hardee County Emergency Numbers

Life Threatening	911
(Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS)	
Hardee County Sheriff	(863) 773-4144
Ambulance	(863) 773-3313
Hardee County Emergency	(863) 773-9390
(Storm, Disaster, etc.)	
Power Outage—Peace River Electric	(800) 282-3824
The PESOPT is located on the north side of Huny 64	uet over 2 miles

The RESORT is located on the north side of Hwy 64, just over 2 miles east of where Hwy 64 intersects with Hwy 17.

Code for Gate Beside Site A-1......13-35-13
Code for Drive-Through Gate Between Sites A-28 and A-30......32-14-22



The Whine B4 Dine crowd in particular will enjoy this attractive shade cloth at the pool patio as the sun heads farther north.

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All articles are subject to editing...and all mistakes are made with love!

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