

ARCH CREEK TRUST  
GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 21, 1991  
MINUTES

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. Susan Weiss, Program Chair, introduced the program: Local Edible Plants. Burnham Neill introduced Scout Master Michael LoPiano of Troop 271 who informed us on the basics of scouting: self-sufficiency, and leadership. This troop differs from others in that it goes into various parts of the Everglades. Because of the season of the year, they were not able to display the variety of fruits they would wish.

The troop meets each Wednesday at Oak Grove Elementary School:

With us this evening were ten scouts aged 11 to 15 years, and four leaders:

Paul Aviles

Scoutmaster: Michael Lo Piano

Edjir Celin

Michael Lo Piano

Ruben Colon

Assistant Scout Masters:

Jordan Goldman

Marc Farner

Greg Rouzier

Fred Fayad

Charles Miller, Sr. Patrol Leader

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Tom Gamble, Patrol Leader & Mrs. Gamble

James Rouzier, Asst. Patrol Leader

Micah Lo Piano, Asst. Patrol Leader

It was "show and tell" on the pond apple (custard apple), sea grape, live oak (acorns), moonflower vine, Spanish needles (nettles or beggar's tic), coconut palm, cat tail, Pepper grass, southern elder, papaya, sea hibiscus, sabal palm. We were told of the uses and benefits: food, drink, soap and cleansers. Detailed information can be found in Julia Morton's book, "Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida" published by the Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

Refreshments were served, a sign-in sheet passed, and the Scouts departed 8:30.

The meeting was called to order for the General Membership at 8:35 for the election of officers for the coming year with Henrietta Roth presiding. The slate of officers for the coming year was presented by the Nomination Committee:

President . . . . . Carole Helene

Vice President. . . . . Elmore Kerkela

Secretary . . . . . Athenia Dohm

Treasurer . . . . . Kathleen Orgell

John Featherstone objected to two weeks' notice given before elections, as a longer period is needed to facilitate an opposition candidate. He stated that he again is requesting a "complete and up-dated list of the membership and of all and any monies spent by the existing Trust".

In the discussion that followed, comments were made that a notice of annual meetings is sent, that the newsletter had listed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, and that the Trust is abiding by the By-Laws. Leonard suggested asking for a ruling from the Legal Counsel. There had been no mention in the newsletter that there would be an election at this meeting.

In further business, Work Days were covered: holly to be removed from the railroad tracks, trail improvements to be made, broekn palm removed, work on a shade house, diagonal marking to the parking area.



Alton Rogers suggested securing title to the Military Trail, and emphasized the protection of the Mound as an historic area.

A full-answering machine is needed as a replacement to the present machine, one which would give the date and time of the call.

A MOTION was made and passed that a new machine should be obtained for approximately \$50, perhaps with a battery back-up.

Featherstone reported another dumping into the creek on January 13 which turned the water black. Kerkela, KARL and Metro-Dade were notified and Kerkela turned the information over to DERM.

Neill asked for a committee meeting for planning for food plants, signs, and relative matters. A flyer will be made up, and ads will be placed in Neighbors and in Cause and Effect.

Meeting adjourned  
Refreshments served.

Submitted by Athenia Dohm

Present: Ruth Anderson, Athenia Dohm, John Featherstone, Carole Helene, Elberta Kerkela, Elmore Kerkela, Joe Leonard, Burnham Neill, Jean Quinn, Joan Quinn, Alton Rogers, Henrietta Roth, Susan Weiss.