

**Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting**  
**Of The Windermere Tree Board**  
**January 4, 2010**

- **Call To Order**

The regular public meeting of the Windermere Tree Board was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010, by Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, in the Windermere Community Room, 118 W. Fifth Avenue, Windermere, FL 34786.

- **Attendance**

Members present at the meeting were: Janet Maland, Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Joan Foglia, Mary Bissen, Bev Peet, Burns Hovey, Danae Jackson, Scotty Olson, Nick Hudak, and Lloyd and Alyse Willoz.

**Announcements**

A sponsor check for \$200 from the Henry Nehrling Society, Inc. for "Treebute 2010", was given to Treasurer, Joan Foglia, for deposit in the Town's Tree Board account. All other checks received for "Treebute" have been deposited.

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers welcomed former Tree Board President, Janet Maland, who introduced Lloyd and Alyse Willoz, from It's All Good, a promotional product company from Miami, who did the "Treebute" T-shirts last year. Their phone is 954-382-3022 and they want to give competitive bids on future events.

- **Minutes Approval**

December minutes were approved pending corrections and were filed electronically to [cbernier@town.windermere.fl.us](mailto:cbernier@town.windermere.fl.us), [aclick@town.windermere.fl.us](mailto:aclick@town.windermere.fl.us), [awallenhurst@town.windermere.fl.us](mailto:awallenhurst@town.windermere.fl.us), [dburkhalter@town.windermere.fl.us](mailto:dburkhalter@town.windermere.fl.us).

**Crepe Myrtle Pruning and Town Tree Pruning** - Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Crepe Myrtle Pruning and Town Tree Pruning will begin. Windermere Tree Board and volunteers will complete pruning and mulching of Town's young crepe myrtles along Maguire Road from Park Avenue to the Town Square. Currently, we have approximately 25 tree board and arborist volunteers to do pruning and mulching. No teenage volunteers will be present because they will be in school. Only the town's trees will be pruned in the railroad right-of-way. Craig McNeal will mark trees with flags and Tree Board volunteers with Scotty Olson from Arbor Vision and his crew of certified arborists will structurally prune Crepe Myrtles. Volunteer arborists will also be pruning larger trees in and around the Windermere Town Square. Scotty Olson will be leading the crew for this larger job and will provide certified arborists, a chipper and a truck for mulch. The Town of Windermere will provide a pick-up truck with a small front-end loader for hauling debris and mulch. Mulch will be dropped in the parking area behind the community building. Trimmings and pruning can be piled along the railroad right-of-way and the chipper will pick them up or trimmings can be brought to the Town Square in the pick-up truck and arborists will throw them into the chipper. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will provide some shovels, pruners, pruning saws, gloves and a large heavy-duty nursery wagon for loading and dumping mulch if needed. This project is for the benefit and maintenance of the Town's trees and is credited toward Windermere's Tree USA recertification. Eric Angstrom from Arbor Vision will teach and lead the Crepe Myrtle pruning.

**TCC Tree Training for Firefighters, EMT's, Emergency First Responder, Arborists** - Friday, January 15, 2010, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Windermere Tree Board facilitates this event by providing training trees, indoor and outdoor classrooms and a town hall for luncheon. TCC Training Team and North American Training Solutions will be providing a Tree Training seminar for First Responders, Fire Fighters and Arborists in Town Square will teach proper safety extraction and removal for tree electrocution emergencies. TCC and North American Training Solutions personnel who teach the training session are ISA certified and are highly qualified. Aerial Rescue personnel from Orange, Lake and other county Fire Departments will attend, along with paramedics and other tree personnel from many states. An aerial climbing, tree safety and rescue seminar will be taught. Fire departments will show up from all over, including rescue squads from Jacksonville and Tallahassee. Scotty Olson stated, volunteers arriving Thursday and Friday are among the best available. Firemen are not allowed to climb trees so they teach this seminar to familiarize and coordinate personnel. Scotty Olson has sent invitations contacting fire departments, paramedics and tree personnel.

Friday, January 15, 8:30-5:30, TCC Training Team and Arborists will do set-up in the Town Square in preparation Friday's training seminar to teach tree climbing and safety extraction techniques to local Fire Departments, EMT's, first responders and arborists where trees are involved in accidental electrocution, tree failure or car accident involving trees. Theresa

Schretzmann-Myers has confirmed with Kay Groeger of Henry Nehrling Society which is sponsoring up to \$200 cost of the luncheon on Friday for this group of approximately 125. . Lunch will consist of prepare salad, pasta, sauce, meatballs, tea and lemonade at 12:00 noon in Windermere Town Hall kitchen. Layout and set-up of tables has been turned into Town Office coordinator Janna Blevins for luncheon. All TCC Training and EMS personnel have been notified lunch is being provided in Town Hall so they don't go elsewhere. During lunch, Henry Nehrling Society will be give DVD presentation about Dr. Henry Nehrling's Palm Cottage Gardens in Gotha, which contains 1880's historic home, gardens, and a 125-year-old tree canopy, which they are trying to preserve. The Nehrling Society's Vice President, and ISA Certified Arborist, Jim Gerber, will do a presentation along with Theresa-Schretzmann-Myers. The Nehrling Gardens is on the Historic Places List and is one of Florida's Trust's of 11 most endangered historic sites in 2009. Additional information for the society is available at [www.nehrlinggardens.org](http://www.nehrlinggardens.org) or [www.floridatrust.org/endangered](http://www.floridatrust.org/endangered).

**Annual Arbor Day Ceremony** – is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. and sponsored by Windermere Garden Club. The Arbor Day ceremony will commence when Windermere Police Color Guard presents flags for Pledge of Allegiance and Union Church Preschool kids sing in front of Town Hall. Ceremonies will take place on the basketball courts. A Florida Dogwood (*Cornus Floridas*) tree will be planted near the Windermere Community Building and donated by Windermere Garden Club. Major Gary Bruhn will address Windermere Garden Club and attendees and make announcement about upcoming Treebute on Saturday.

### **Windermere's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Treebute 2010"**

"Treebute 2010" scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2010, from 10a.m.-4:00 p.m. Set-up for the event will occur at 8:00 a.m. Breakdown and cleanup will begin at 4:00 p.m. " Treebute" event will be held rain or shine

Scotty's judging crew will arrive at 6:00 a.m. and will need the key to the Community Building. The larger crowds of arborists and volunteers will show up about 8:00 am, at Town Hall. All arborists/volunteers for Geezers in the Treezers will sign Releases before they get their T-Shirts.

### **Saturday Lunch for "Geezers In The Treezers" Climbing Competitors** –

Danae Jackson said Valley Crest is providing sandwiches for lunch for the Geezers competitors and volunteers. Valley Crest will procure sub sandwiches and chips as well as beverages and has donated \$498 for payment directly to the sandwich shop in advance. Joan will add this into in-kind donation budget.

**Food and Beverages/O.A.R.S** - Orlando Area Rowing Society (OARS) will assist Tree Board "Treebute" as a food and beverage vendor and they will be there at 7:30 a.m. to serve hot chocolate, coffee and donuts and muffins beginning at 7:00 a.m. O.A.R.S. will provide food for our volunteers, spectators and paying customers and for everyone except the climbers. It was agreed OARS would pay single booth rental fee of \$75 to Tree Board for double booth space. They will also serve hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and beverages throughout the day. OARS has certificates of liability insurance and they will provide them to Town of Windermere. Nick Hudak will check with Cecilia Bernier to see if they are required to have an Florida State/Orange County Florida food vendor permit. They reserved the first two parking spots to the left of the flagpole for the food vending booths. They will bring "green" recycling containers for recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

OARS will bring rowing machines for a fundraising "Ergothon." Ergonomic rowing machines and "Ergothon" events will be located in back of Town Hall porch in grassy triangle area. They will also have their boats on display so people who are interested in rowing can see them.

**Advertising** - Mary Bissen created flyers, posters and "Mere" newsletter advertisements. Scotty Olson asked copies of flyers to be Emailed to him to be put in various shops, fire departments, etc. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will order signage using Mary Bissen's graphic designs. Corrections to last years banners will be made by Sign-A-Rama and placed in strategic locations around town. Arbor Day sign will be put on front columns of Town Hall and sponsorship banner on back porch near band and OARS where they get best visibility. Vendors and artists have been invited to attend and will have booths to sell trees, food and art, etc.

**Ask The Arborist Booth** – will be manned by Janet Maland and volunteer arborist and placed inside Tree give-away/sale area.

**IFIS/Orange County Extension Booth**-Manned by Ed Thralls, IVIS Extension office staff or a volunteer arborist and placed inside Tree give-a-way/sale area.

**Budget** - Joan Foglia has a budget for "Treebute" which will include insurance, T-shirts, live music, kids and adults tree climb, cleanup and food for after party. Bill Burgess will help with accounting. Joan Foglia will Email the budget and information and be responsible for vendor registrations and money. Danae Jackson will Email insurance budget to Joan Foglia.

**Climbers Accommodations** – Climbers will be staying at Red Roof Inn in Ocoee and Danae Jackson is handling all reservations and accommodations. Currently, we can expect about 75 climbers and their families. All plans are in place for accommodations.

**Donations** - If anyone would like to give Tree Board a donation or an in-kind donation (other than cash or check), please contact Theresa Schretzmann-Myers at 407-876-4524 or Email her at [theresamyers@earthlink.net](mailto:theresamyers@earthlink.net). Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has created in-kind donations forms for tax purposes for each donor. We have requested an in-kind donation from the Event Specialists who are providing the bounce house. If you have already given a donation, please request a new form. Scotty Olson and Danae Jackson are still asking their business contacts for donations. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers is requesting sponsorship donation from Rotary Club of Windermere and Joan Foglia is requesting donations from downtown businesses for Raffle Table.

**Entertainment** – Theresa Schretzmann-Myers confirmed rock band, Midlife Crisis for Treebute at [www.midlifecrisisorlando.com](http://www.midlifecrisisorlando.com) Contact for band is Glen Weinman at (407) 810-7288. Event Specialists are providing the Bounce House and Glitter art face painting will be available for a nominal fee. Anyone signed up for the Kid's and Adult Tree Climb who pays \$20 fee (includes safety gear, insurance, T-shirt and tree climb) is entitled to use Bounce House at no extra charge.

OARS will have volunteers set up their signs, "Ergothon" rowing machine and rowers will go for 30-minute sessions in the triangle section near the back porch of Town Hall near band. They will be recruiting new members, fundraising and demonstrating rowing to participants.

**"Geezers In The Treezers" and TTC Training Team International Invitational 2010** - will commence. The name "Lorax Invitational" will no longer be used because of possible infringement of rights of Universal Studios to Dr. Seuss book, "The Lorax." The international competition will include competitive arborists from 22 states, Canada, Great Britain and possibly other countries who will compete in the following competitions: Throw line, Work Climb, Aerial Rescue, Belayed Speed Climb and Secured Foot Lock. The winner will go on to the Master Challenge. All climbers pay their own way and volunteer their time. Currently, there are 125 climbers total, and 95 of them are paying climbers. The charge for climbing is \$20. The event was advertised on Facebook so it is possible there will be more. The majority of climbers plan on returning each year.

**Kids and Adult Climb and Traverse Line** - T-shirts and climbers are all set. There are 100 tree climbs insured and 30 are already signed up. The cost is \$20 per person for tree climbing and traverse line with professional arborists and includes safety harness, helmet, safety glasses, T-shirt and bounce house for the day. Due to popular demand now adults will be able to join the Tree Climb. Two Certified Arborist teams can handle two climbers at the same time, making sure safety and climbing gear are in place and supervising climbers at all times. Sherrill Tree Gear and Vermeer Southeast of Orlando will provide special safety gear. Specific arborists will help with kids and adult tree climb to help get people into and out of safety climbing harnesses. Females will help females and males will help males put on climbing safety harnesses due to fact that harnesses hitch up and lock around hip and thigh areas. Liability waivers must be signed by adults and by parents of all children participating. Anyone over age 21 can sign liability waiver for themselves. Participants for the tree climb need to wear long pants and closed in shoes for safety purposes. Joan Foglia will be in charge of making sure liability waivers (release forms) are signed by each climber and/or parents of minors who climb.

**Liability Insurance and Releases** - Danae Jackson who represents the TTC Training Team Invitational 2010" also known as the "Geezers in the Treezers" is an insurance specialist and has insurance in place for up to 100 people and she has a cushion built in. Liability is limited to 75 climbers for the kid's and adult's tree climb and 25 Competition Climbers for the "Geezers in the Treezers." The cost of insurance is \$945 and includes two other events they do annually. Currently, 24 competitors are confirmed and more are anticipated. This is the first year G and G insurance in California provided insurance. Sherrill Trees is sending special equipment. Liability waivers, which must be signed by each participant and returned to: The Town of Windermere, P. O. Box 669, 614 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786. Danae Jackson has budgeted us for trees and education liability. Tree Board Chairman Theresa Schretzmann-Myers asked that

Certificates of Liability cover the adults and kid's climbs and be issued naming the Town of Windermere and Windermere Tree Board as additional insured's. Danae Jackson will provide documentation. Tree Board's recommendation was to add another \$100 on the insurance budget and increase the total number of climbers to 125: 100 for kids and adult tree climb with 25 competitors for the Invitational. Recommendation was passed unanimously.

Legal Liability Release have been drafted by Theresa Schretzmann-Myers for review and approval by Windermere Town Attorney prior to Treebute.

**Parking for Vendors** - Barriers should not block off Finder's Keeper's or the Library's entrances. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will coordinate this with Craig McNeil and Police to see where barriers should be placed. Safety cones from Town Maintenance to block off parking spots for OARS and the band to park and unload vans of heavy equipment are needed. Police and security have been addressed The bricked street in front of Town Hall will be closed off with barriers from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. so as not to block entrance into Library Parking lot or Finders Keepers entrance. Theresa will check with Craig McNeal as to where to place barriers. OARS people will need some parking spaces at the library to accommodate a large food trailer. They will set this up Friday night. They also have a long boat trailer that can be parked at Mary Bissen's home overnight, but they will need another large parking spot in close proximity of "Treebute". Additional parking for OARS volunteers and up to 50 kids driving to the event can be used on side streets and at Windermere Baptist Church. OARS has about 100 kids and half of them drive. They will park at the Windermere Elementary School and transport from OARS boathouse up to Treebute. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will check with the Windermere Baptist Church, Town's Maintenance Division Parking Lot off of Seventh Street, south of the Police Station for additional parking for "Treebute."

**Security** - Police safety budget is \$35 per hour for Saturday unless it is gratis. Last year, several trees were given to non-Windermere residents. This year it's one tree per family, any additional trees can be purchase for \$10 each. Non-residents will pay \$10 per tree. This year Mary Bissen and Pat Coleman will monitor the Tree Give-Away in a fenced off area with list provided by Town Office. Tree Give-Away recipients will be checked off list provided by Town or they may have to provide a drivers license. Barriers and fencing are being borrowed from Rotary Club of Windermere via President Norma Sutton. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will meet Norma Sutton at storage facility on Maguire Road for pick-up.

**T-shirts and Flyers** – Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has traveled to Shirt Works to order shirts and work with graphic designer Lee. Shirt Works of Orlando modified logo for Treebute Tie-Dye T-shirts and graphics were e-mailed to Mary Bissen for logo/flier/signage creation. Roots were added to tree logo to make it look realistic. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has requested another quote from Felicia at [www.shirtworksorlando.com](http://www.shirtworksorlando.com) (407-898-0708) for 150 multi-colored tie dye-shirts which came in about \$7.80 per shirt. Mary Bissen has provided the flyers, promo ads and artwork for "Treebute 2010". Danae Jackson requested 30 climber's shirts in pink tie-dye with "COMPETITOR" on reverse top of shirt for "Geezers in Treeezers" competitors. Everyone else will have multi-colored tie-die shirts. 100 tie-die shirts and we need additional sponsors to be printed on the shirts. Danae Jackson will provide a list of people who are giving in-kind donations.

**Tree Give-Away and Sales** -The Town of Windermere is providing the trees and has budgeted a total of \$2,000 for Arbor Day trees. We are asking for donations for the trees, including donations in-kind. A can or container for donations will be placed near the Tree Give-Away area. Trees are limited to one per family that lives within Windermere town limits and coupons will be given out to obtain them. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has requested an alphabetized list of Windermere residents from Cecilia Bernier, Town Manager, to facilitate checking off names. If the list is not available, we will ask residents to show a driver's license. This year a uniformed officer (an associate of Mary Bissen) will monitor the Tree Give-Away because several non-residents were given trees last year. The cost of a tree for non-residents is \$10. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will procure ribbons or orange fencing to partition off the area and Scotty Olson will set it up. Additional tree vendors will be selling trees at the event. A variety of Florida native trees were purchased from Biosphere Nursery that specializes in many Florida native trees. Trees purchased for the give a-way and for sale include Pigment Hickory, Fringe, Turkey Oak, Red Cedar, Heritage Oak, Chickasaw Plum, Red Maple Winged Elm, Green Ash, Sycamore Black Gum, Bald Cypress, Sweet Bay, Southern Magnolia, Labella Bay and Long Leaf Pine. The total cost is \$975.

**Vendor and Exhibitor**- Theresa Schretzmann-Myers e-mailed all Tree Board members a copy of a professionally written letter and vendor/sponsor application for the Windermere "Treebute" vendors and exhibitors. Each vendor or exhibitor can check which type of booth space and/or sponsorship they prefer. Checks will be made payable to the Town of Windermere and mailed to Treasurer Joan Foglia at address listed on vendor application. Prize donations are most welcome. Vendors and exhibitors are Nehrling Society, Winderemere Country Club, Winter Park Honey, Our Kids Tropical Nursery, Beacon Technologies, Tiki John carvings, and Gabrielle Gosselin, artist. Joan Foglia has solicited four green vendors such an organic lawn care company. Windermere Country Club will give a \$100 donation and give away a

round of golf for raffle. Windermere Country Club is interested in marketing their catering and new golf memberships. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has waived artist Gabbie Gosselin's fee in exchange for a piece of art to be donated to the Raffle. Green vendors have been contacted via Email regarding upcoming Treebute events. Vendors' sponsorship levels are at various levels listed on vendor/sponsor application form. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has a list of green vendors from the Veg Fest and Earth Day and many others that have been targeted via Email from her database. She has notified Downtown Business Committee and Parks and Recreation regarding upcoming "Treebute". Theresa Schretzmann-Myers and Joan Foglia have developed vendor packets. Additional vendors can be approached for additional income. Green vendors selling trees and plants will be located on or near basketball courts along with other vendors. OARS food tents will be located on bricked road in front of Town Hall. We are still looking for green type vendors like recycling which can be for profit or non-profit. Scotty Olson has spoken to a chainsaw woodcarving artist who is willing to carve statues out of wood and offer a statue for raffle. Danae Jackson has someone interested in a booth to sell Oregon Tree Pruning Saws. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has created an aerial site map of the town square to use for placement of vendors, sponsors and climbing. Cell phones will be used for communication.

**Volunteers** – Volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity please contact Theresa Schretzmann-Myers at 407-876-4524 or Email her at [Theresamyers@earthlink.net](mailto:Theresamyers@earthlink.net). Volunteer registration will be in the Community Building where volunteers and job assignments will be posted. Jim Burgess's girls will help with registration. A local Boy Scout Troop will provide volunteers and a table with signage offering tree delivery and tree planting services. The most common reasons for tree failure are planting too deep and lack of watering in the first 30 to 120 days. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will educate them and possibly accompany them to plant trees. It was suggested Boy Scout Troops 223 and 225 assist in tree planting. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers called scout coordinator for Windermere Baptist Church or Windermere Union Church regarding participation. OARS will assist Boy Scouts from Troop 223 and 225 and they can earn badges and environmental community service points. Windermere Tree Board should contact Dr. Tim Burroughs and Ed Sabis. Ed Sabis can be reached at 321-276-1063. We are looking for a volunteer coordinator to help with the Boy Scouts. They will help with set up, assist with the Bounce House and clean up. We need six strong guys to load and unload trees in two-gallon containers. This information will be added to the "Treebute" press release. High school groups can provide community service and get credit for it. We will contact Watershed Action Volunteers, and volunteers from Olympia, Dr. Phillips, and West Orange High Schools for "Treebute" activities. We need high school kids to help load trees into cars, etc. Unfortunately, volunteers will not receive free T-shirts this year because of the lack of funds.

**Clean up** - Volunteers and Tree Board volunteers will be doing clean up and everyone who can is being asked to pitch in. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will pick up contractor bags. They will be left near the town clean-up/trash removal area for Town of Windermere to pick up. OARS will also provide recycling bins and pick up for water bottles and aluminum cans.

**After Party** - Arborists and Tree Board members are invited to the after party at Janet Maland's home located at 505 Jennifer Lane, Windermere, FL 34786, on Saturday evening after "Treebute" clean-up and Invitational Awards ceremony in Town Hall. Danae Jackson's lowest bid for catering was from MLB Southern Cooking in Apopka for bar-b-q, macaroni and cheese, etc. She suggested the Tree Board donate around \$300 toward catering and her group will donate \$500. Donations in-kind are being sought from two local Publix stores for sandwiches and inexpensive drinks and/or from any other donor. We can expect approximately 125 people. Danae Jackson will request free delivery and take the lowest price.

### **Sunday Clean-Up**

Sunday, January 17, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. is clean-up time to make sure Town Hall, Community Building and Town Square completely cleaned-up.

**Ongoing Business Plan** - The Tree Board continues to work on plans and recommendations for multiple income streams and sustainable fundraising so they are not solely dependent on Town Funds for Federal matching grants for the U.S. Government, Division of Forestry Grants.

### **New Business**

**"Cycle for the Trees"** - This event is scheduled for March 20, 2010, on the Vernal Equinox, when the flowering trees are in full bloom. It is planned to be an annual event co-sponsored by Town of Windermere, Tree Board and Windermere Roadies Cycling Group. Cycling will stay within Windermere town limits. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers and Kevin Dowling of the Windermere Roadies emailed graphics and deadline for getting information to the "Mere" newsletter in December for the "Cycle for the Trees" which was approved by Windermere Town Council. Thanks to Mary Bissen for getting final graphics into the Mere News. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers produced a current AAA map of the Town of

Windermere and Kevin Dowling traced out the suggested bicycle route. Treasurer Joan Foglia prepared a preliminary budget for projected income and expenses for the event. Registrations would be required to pay an entry fee of \$20 per adult and \$10 for children that will include a T-shirt. Sponsorships will be sold for the event. Strategic water stops in front of flowering trees will offer quick tree facts and education about trees. Registration fee includes water and snacks.

Winter Garden Cycle Shop has offered to be a sponsor and give bicycle raffle prizes for the event. Other sponsors are most welcome. Tree Board would provide for police safety support for this event at \$35/hour. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers suggested using a variety of available sites on the north side of Park Avenue as possible refreshment sites to view a beautiful tree in bloom such as a Tabebuia. Cyclists would get a quick educational tree fact. During the consideration of possible routes for the event, Kevin Dowling gave a high priority to safety and minimizing the interaction between bicycles and cars. Crossing Park Avenue at the western end of Lake Butler Blvd. is very hazardous since traffic enters the town on a curve at 45 mph. It has been the scene of several serious auto accidents with broadside hits, where both cars have been towed away. Kevin used to live near there and witnessed several extremely dangerous accidents. Tree Board would absolutely need to have police coverage at the point that we cross over Park Avenue to go into the Manor on Tryon Place if go that route and access the sidewalk on the north side of Park Avenue. Kevin Dowling suggested a safety crossing farther East on Park Avenue, away from the curve and after traffic has slowed inside the Windermere town limits.

Kevin Dowling knows of at least two good sites to view beautiful trees on Lake Butler Blvd. He reminded us that blooming trees have no respect for calendars or schedules, however. Some Tabebuias, in particular, can bloom a couple weeks earlier or later, depending on how much water they get and how warm the spring is so we must be flexible. This activity will also be included for consideration for our Tree City USA application. He will plan on meeting with Theresa-Schretzmann-Myers after the "Treebute" to plan tree info/education information rest stops.

Depending on the OARS racing schedule and volunteer availability, Nick and Linda Hudak from Orlando Area Rowing Society (OARS), may be at the event to recruit with simulated ergonomic rowing machines. They will set up and recruit people for OARS but they will not be selling anything. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will email the Hudaks with new information for the "Cycle for the Trees".

Mary Bissen will work on Tabebuia tree logo and banner design for publicity to be hung at key points in town and at Town Hall Roundabouts. In terms of vendors, they will be just sponsors such as a bike shop and local Windermere vendors. Participants will stop at a tree that is in bloom, drink water at 4-5 stops and read or get quick tree fact and education. If anyone knows of beautiful strategic tree stops, let Tree Board members know. Tree Board will work on getting free bottles of water and get recyclable cups, and energy bars from Publix. Police coverage is already in place and Theresa Schretzmann-Myers and Kevin Dowling will discuss police coverage with Windermere Police Department.

## **Old Business**

No old business was discussed because the "Treebute" dominated the discussion

- **Next Regular Monthly Public Meeting Dates**

Next regular meeting date is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:15 p.m., in the Community Room.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. I hereby certify these are the minutes of the Windermere Tree Board as corrected.

**BEVERLY PEET**  
Beverly Peet  
Recording Secretary  
Windermere Tree Board

**January 4, 2010**  
Date

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