GULF COAST WRITERS ASSOCIATION GCWA Executive Committee Meeting Location: Fairfield Inn Snack Area Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Members attending: Mike Cole, Bob McCarthy, Irene Smith, Arlyn Euken.

Corporate Board member also attending: Judy Loose.

Absent: Don Cappelli, Geneva Kelly, Geri McArdle.

Meeting called to order at 4:45 by acting chairman Bob McCarthy.

Treasurer Report:

Mike Cole, distributed to all. July 31 balance \$9,298.

Membership Report:

Irene Smith reported current number at 137. Successful follow-ups have been made to both the prospects & the new members.

Communications Report:

Mike Cole for Geneva Kelly. This month's General Meeting information has been forwarded to the necessary publications.

Special Projects:

Writing Contest. The previous judging worksheet for the contest distributed by Judy Loose, for discussion on possible changes for the 2017-2018 contest.

The four categories will again be: fiction, non-fiction, children's fiction, poetry.

The dates will be: Opening - Oct. 1st, 2017. Closing - Jan. 31st, 2018. Winners notified - Feb. 28, 2018. Winners announced - March General Meeting. Awards presented - April General Meeting.

Judging Scoring categories will be reduced from 10 to 4.

New Business:

A chairman for Special Projects is needed.

Reminder to all to frequently check our website for current critique groups & other information.

Reminder also for the upcoming October Costume (General) Meeting.

Next General Meeting: August 19. Sept. Board Meeting: Sept. 12. Sept. General Meeting: Sept. 16.

Meeting adjourned at 5.40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Arlyn Euken, Secretary