

Annual Meeting Minutes
Friends of the Refuge
September 22, 2018

- I. Prior to the formal business meeting, members enjoyed a continental breakfast and a slideshow of photographs of the refuge and various events from the past year.
- II. The meeting was called to order by Past President Tom Hartz at 9:45 am. Acting Secretary, Sharon Miller, confirmed that a quorum was present. Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were read and approved.
- III. Hartz reviewed Friends activities over the past year. He thanked members for their support of both the Friends' organization and the Refuge.
- IV. Mark Newell, Scott Owen, Michelle Scholz and Irene Vlach were elected to Board membership. The following Board members, whose terms were expiring, were elected to serve an additional term: Dawn Carovano, Michelle Miller, and Willem Stoeller.
- V. The following members received the Friends President's Volunteer Service Award for 2018: Wendy Cattanach, Jim Nicholson, Scott Owen, Judy Silverforb. Their names were added to the plaque displayed in the Visitor Center.
- VI. Larry Klimek, USFWS Project Leader, thanked the Friends for their support to the Refuge. He provided an overview of Refuge activities over the past year and some planned future projects. He and Hartz responded to questions from members.
- VII. The business meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.
- VIII. Following the business meeting, Klimek invited members to join him on a visit to Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge to learn more about future plans for restoration and public use at that site.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Miller, Acting Secretary

