

Annual Meeting Minutes
Friends of the Refuge
September 30, 2017

- 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 President Tom Hartz at 9:45 AM. The Secretary, Sharon Miller, confirmed that a quorum was present. Minutes of the 2016 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. Alan Christensen was elected to Board membership. The following Board members, whose terms were expiring, were elected to serve an additional term: Gary Fawver, Tom Hartz, Don Nelson, Sharon Miller, Peter Paquet, and Ed Squiers.
- V. Volunteer Service Awards – The following members were added to the Volunteer Service Award: Pat and Bobbie Allaire, Rick and Jennifer Bennett, Jim Burrows and Ruthann Panck,
- 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.
- VII. The business meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.
- VIII. Following the business meeting, Sarah Williams, Friends Habitat Restoration Specialist, made a presentation on the proposed restoration of Chicken Creek. After her presentation, members were invited to walk out to the future restoration site with Refuge staff to gain a better understanding of the project and to learn how they might be able to assist with it in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Miller