

Annual Meeting Minutes
Friends of the Refuge
September 26, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Hart. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present. Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were read and approved.
- II. The formal business meeting followed an opportunity to visit the Heritage Pine Natural Area on the Morand Unit, and a continental breakfast.
- III. Special guest Rich Hannan, Asst. Regional Director for Region 1, attended and shared information about current issues at USFWS and their appreciation for Friends organizations.
- IV. Election of Board Members – Four new members were elected to the Board: Dawn Carovano, Darren Goodding, Linda Kilgore and Willem Stoeller. Michelle Miller, whose term was expiring, was elected to serve an additional term.
- V. Members voted to approve several amendments to the By-laws. Article 3 was changed to limit Board members to three consecutive three year terms. There were several other minor language changes, and some information was moved to other sections to add clarity.
- VI. Volunteer Service Awards – The following members were added to the Volunteer Service Award: Tom Hartz, Linda Kilgore, Mike Skinner, Bob and Joan Try.
- VII. Cheryl Hart was honored by both the Friends of the Refuge and USFWS for her five years of service as President of the Friends.
- VIII. The business meeting was adjourned at about 10:00 am. It was followed by a presentation from Brian Glaspell, Refuge Manager at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Miller