

**APPROVED MINUTES FOR AUGUST 23, 2016 FRIENDS OF THE REFUGE BOD MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carovano, Fawver, French, Goodding, Hartz, Kilgore, Marsh, Nelson, M.Miller, S.Miller, Paquet

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Hart, Mays, Stoeller, Squiers

OTHERS ATTENDING: Jonathan Bailey, Eva Kristofik, Virginia Parks

INTRO	ITEM	ACTION NEEDED/TAKEN	BD ACTION	NEXT	STATUS	PERSON IN
08/23/16	CONSENT AGENDA	Consent Agenda included following items:	Marsh/ French		Approved	
	MINUTES	sent via e-mail		OctBOD		S.Miller
	FINANCIAL REPORT	sent via e-mail		OctBOD		Stoeller
	VISITOR SERVICES REPORT	sent via e-mail		OctBOD		S.Miller
	RESTORATION REPORT	sent via e-mail		OctBOD		French
	CAMP REPORT	sent via e-mail		OctBOD		Hartz
08/23/16	2016-17 BUDGET APPROVAL	Stoeller was not able to attend the meeting, but had sent copies of the budget and explanatory information out via email; several members indicated they had not received the documents, and copies were circulated at the meeting; <b>motion to approve the budget as presented</b> ; roll call votes were tallied and the motion passed, but there were two abstentions due to lack of time to review the budget documents; chair agreed to leave voting open via email for those who abstained and others who were not present at the meeting; documents were emailed following the meeting, with a request to get additional votes to Hartz as soon as possible	Nelson/ Marsh	OctBOD	Conditionally <b>approved</b> , pending additional votes via email	Stoeller
08/23/16	PRESCRIBED BURN UPDATE	Eva Kristofik provided an update on plans and preparation for the prescribed burn, scheduled for early October in a 4 acre area in the Oak woodlands; she shared an informational flyer about the burn and answered questions from members		OctBOD		FWS Staff

08/23/16	ANNUAL MEETING	Plans have been finalized for the Annual Meeting, and invitations will go out shortly to all Friends members; a walk to the VEGBACC area on the Dennis Unit will begin at 7:30 am, followed at 9:00 am in the Riparian room by a continental breakfast, the business meeting, and a review of Refuge activities this past year from Erin Holmes; Virginia Parks is designing the Annual Report, and asked that all reports and pictures be sent to her as soon as possible		OctBOD		Mays
07/26/16	ANNOUNCEMENTS:					
	REFUGE UPDATE	Eva Kristofik provided the Refuge update; they are working on filling the BioTech position vacated by Trevor Sheffels, and the job announcement should be out shortly; a celebration of the 10 year anniversary of the Refuge being open to the public will be combined with the National Public Lands Day event on September 10; they are continuing to monitor the work being done on the Onion Flats Unit across Pacific Hwy; John Schweitzer is still working on filling in the "carp hole" to make it a more natural wetlands area				
	REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS	Anderson was not able to attend the meeting; members should submit their volunteer hours for August to her via email				
	E-NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND DEADLINE	Carovano announced that there is still time to submit articles for the next newsletter, which will not go out until September 6				
	SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING	The September Board meeting has been canceled because it would be just 3 days after the Annual Meeting; the next regular meeting will be October 25				