

**APPROVED MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2017 FRIENDS OF THE REFUGE BOD MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Carovano, Hart, Hartz, Kilgore, M.Miller, S.Miller, Nelson, Squiers, Stoeller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fawver, Marsh, Mays, Paquet

OTHERS ATTENDING: Pam Farris, Russell Foster, Larry Klimek, Ginny Maffitt, Curt Mykut, Kim Strassburg, Kim Young

INTRO DATE	ITEM	ACTION NEEDED/TAKEN	BD ACTION	NEXT REPORT DATE	STATUS	PERSON IN CHARGE
02/28/17	CONSENT AGENDA	Consent Agenda included following items:	Stoeller/ Hart		Approved	
	MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		S.Miller
	FINANCIAL REPORT	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		Stoeller
	VISITOR SERVICES REPORT	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		S.Miller
	TRBF REPORT	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		Anderson
	PHOTO SOCIETY REPORT	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		Nelson
	RESTORATION REPORT	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		French
	CAMP REPORT	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		Hartz
	MEMBERSHIP REPORT	sent via e-mail		MarBOD		Anderson
02/28/17	PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS	Prior to the start of the business meeting, Presidential Service Awards were given out; in addition to Board members, about a dozen people were present to receive their awards in person; over 40 people received bronze, silver or gold level awards for 2016				
02/28/17	APPROVAL OF CHECK SIGNERS FOR HOMESTREET BANK	Due to changes in Board officers, a representative from HomeStreet Bank attended to get signatures from those authorized to sign for the Friends account; <b>motion to add Tom Hartz and Don Nelson to the account, to remove Keith Mays and Cheryl Hart, and to allow Bonnie Anderson and Dawn Carovano to access account information on-line</b>	Hart/ Squiers		Motion Approved	
02/28/17	NWRA UPDATE	Hart presented an update on the National Wildlife Refuge Association and current leadership changes; she also provided an overview of advocacy strategies and opportunities; information from her presentation was sent to members electronically, and she offered to make the information available to others who might want it		MarBOD		Hart

02/28/17	URBAN PROGRAM	Kim Strassburg provided an update on the Urban Program as it enters its third year; this year will be a bridge year, to develop a business plan and work on further identifying their target audience; she provided some examples of specific projects they have funded, such as the \$15,000 available for transportation projects at Tualatin River and Ridgefield refuges		MarBOD		Hartz
02/28/17	KING CITY URBAN RESERVE AREA	Hartz reported that the Friends and the FWS have been invited to participate in development of a concept plan for King City's Urban Reserve Area 6D; he is serving on the Stakeholders Advisory Committee, and Larry Klimek is serving on the Technical Advisory Committee; the concept plan would extend city services to an area west of King City, south of Beef Bend Rd, north of the Tualatin River and east of Roy Rogers Rd; that area would eventually be part of Metro's Urban Growth Boundary		MarBOD		Hartz
02/28/17	FRIENDS COMMITTEE CHARTERS	Anderson distributed copies of charters for the Restoration and Photo committees to be added to the Board notebooks; charters are still needed from several committees		MarBOD		Anderson
02/28/17	VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING	Hartz reported that Volunteer Naturalist training began last week with 16 trainees; they will have three more days of training before "graduation"		MarBOD		Hartz
02/28/17	ALTERNATIVE OUTDOOR SCHOOL	Hartz announced that a \$5,000 grant was received from the Grasmajeto Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, to fund the Alternative Outdoor School; the award was double the amount Anderson requested in the proposal		MarBOD		Hartz
02/28/17	SUMMER CAMP	Registrations for summer camp are now on the Friends website, and 4 applications have already been received; a \$500 donation has been received for camp from the Wheeler Family; several Board members pledged donations of \$100 for scholarships for campers, and additional donations would be welcome		MarBOD		Hartz
02/28/17	OPEN POSITIONS ON THE BOARD	Hartz announced that Mary French has resigned from the Board, and he has asked Squiers to become Restoration Chair and be the Friends' supervisor for Sarah Williams; Hartz also announced that John Marsh has requested a leave of absence from the Board for several months, and Paquet will be asked to chair the Governance Committee while Marsh is gone		MarBOD		Hartz

02/28/17	TONQUIN QUARRY UPDATE	Larry Klimek indicated that the Army Corps of Engineers has determined that they do not have jurisdiction, and further approvals would need to come from the Oregon Dept. of State Lands; he has numerous concerns and will continue to monitor progress; Squiers will also monitor (in Marsh's absence) and bring information to the Board as advocacy is needed		MarBOD		Squiers
	ANNOUNCEMENTS:					
	REFUGE UPDATE	<p>Curt Mykut reported that the draft plan for restoration of the Wapato Lake lakebed has been completed and is being reviewed at FWS Regional Office; it will be shared with the Board within the next several months, and a public meeting will be held in Gaston to get input from the community; he also announced plans to maintain water in the Atfalati wetlands in the summer, using a pump purchased last year to pump water out of neighbors land and pump it into Refuge land</p> <p>Larry Klimek thanked volunteers for all the time they devote to the Refuge and for their advocacy efforts; he indicated that FWS anticipates budgets for this year will be reduced and that the reduction could impact programs at the Refuge; some positive news is that four high-school youth and a leader from the Youth Conservation Corps will be at the Refuge for eight weeks this summer</p>				
	REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS	Anderson circulated a form to capture volunteer hours for February				
	E-NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND DEADLINE	Articles and photos are due to Anderson by the date of the Board meeting (even in months when the Board does not meet); Kilgore will compile the newsletter for distribution early the following month				
	NEXT MEETING	The next Board meeting is Tuesday, March 28				