

APPROVED MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2016 FRIENDS OF THE REFUGE BOD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carovano, Fawver, French, Goodding, Kilgore, Mays, S.Miller, Nelson, Whitewolf

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Hart, Hartz, Marsh, M.Miller, Paquet, Squiers, Stoeller

OTHERS ATTENDING: David Collin, Pam Farris, Sarah Gray, Eva Kristofik, Jennifer Kuiper, Mark Newell, Virginia Parks, Sarah Williams

INTRO	ITEM	ACTION NEEDED/TAKEN	BD ACTION	NEXT	STATUS	PERSON IN
01/26/16	CONSENT AGENDA	Consent Agenda included following items:	Nelson/ Whitewolf		Approved	
	MINUTES	sent via e-mail		FebBOD		S.Miller
	FINANCIAL REPORT	sent via e-mail		FebBOD		Stoeller
	VISITOR SERVICES REPORT	sent via e-mail		FebBOD		S.Miller
	TRBF REPORT	not available		FebBOD		Anderson
	PHOTO SOCIETY REPORT	sent via e-mail		FebBOD		Nelson
	RESTORATION REPORT	sent via e-mail		FebBOD		French
	CAMP REPORT	not available		FebBOD		Hartz
01/26/16	MALHEUR NWR EVENTS AND IMPACT ON TRNWR	Mays led a discussion of issues related to the occupation of the Malheur NWR; the arrest of several of the occupiers occurred just an hour or two before the meeting began, so there was current information; later in the meeting, information was received from Regional Office that TRNWR would be closed the following day and perhaps longer		Feb BOD		Mays

01/26/16	ANNUAL WORKPLAN/ STAFFING AND VOLUNTEERS	S.Miller reviewed the current workplan for Staffing and Volunteers and responded to questions		Feb BOD		
01/26/16	ANNUAL WORKPLAN/ RESTORATION	French and Sarah Williams reviewed the current workplan for Restoration and responded to questions		Feb BOD		
01/26/16	OTHER WORKPLANS	Mays asked that all additional workplans be completed and sent out to members before the next Board meeting		Feb BOD		All
01/26/16	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST AND SOCIAL MIXER	Mays reported that the Sherwood Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast meeting at the Refuge went well; a multi-Chamber social mixer will be scheduled at the Refuge in February or March		Feb BOD		Mays
01/26/16	20th ANNUAL BIRD FESTIVAL/ SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	David Collin attended the meeting to explain his efforts to find sponsorships for the Bird Festival; he asked for suggestions of businesses or individuals who might want to be sponsors and discussed what benefits they would receive		Feb BOD		Anderson
01/26/16	BRANDING PROJECT	Mays announced that the Branding "Big Dig" event will be Wednesday, Feb. 3; there will be a potluck at 5 pm followed by a facilitated process to get information from stakeholders that will aid in the branding effort; Board members were encouraged to attend and should RSVP to Anderson		Feb BOD		Mays

01/26/16	TONQUIN QUARRY UPDATE	Marsh was unable to attend but sent word that there is no new information		Feb BOD		Marsh
01/26/16	TOOL TRAILER UPDATE	Mays and Mark Newell reported that the tool trailer has been ordered and will arrive shortly; FWS provided a list of tools they would like included, and those are being ordered; the logo "wrap" for the trailer will be delayed until the branding process is completed		Feb BOD		Mays
01/26/16	VISITOR SERVICES MANAGER	Mays reported on the meeting with Sylvia Pelizza at FWS Regional Office that several members attended in December; the purpose was to advocate for the Visitor Services Manager position to be filled as soon as possible; Mays felt it was a productive meeting and that strategies are being explored to fill the position soon		Feb BOD		Mays
01/26/16	YOUTH PHOTO CAMP	Nelson reported that the Photo Society will not be doing a youth photo camp this spring because they have determined that they need better cameras with manual controls in order to offer a camp; they plan to seek grant funding for new cameras and will plan for a camp in 2017		Feb BOD		Nelson

01/26/16	ANNOUNCEMENTS:					
	REFUGE UPDATE	Sarah Gray reported on several items: Erin Holmes sent word that the recent Friends training at NCTC went well in spite of 40 inches of snow that made returning home difficult (the reason she and two Board members were not present); Eva Kristofik will add Visitor Services Manager to her regular duties until the position can be filled; the Refuge is exploring getting an electric car charging station installed in the parking lot				
	MARK NEWELL'S DEPARTURE	Mays announced that Mark Newell, who has been acting Visitor Services Manager on loan from ODFW, will be leaving on Jan. 29; there will be a goodbye gathering that afternoon in the classroom				
	REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS	Anderson was not able to attend; Mays asked that members email their hours for November, December and January to her				
	E-NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND DEADLINE	Deadline for the next newsletter is February 20; articles should be sent to Stan and Dawn Carovano				
	STORE CELEBRATION	Board members are invited to attend the no-host 8th anniversary party for Nature's Overlook on Feb. 4				