

APPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017 FRIENDS OF THE REFUGE BOD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carovano, Fawver, Hart, Hartz, Kilgore, Mays, S.Miller, Nelson, Paquet, Squiers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, M.Miller, Stoeller

OTHERS ATTENDING: Jenny de la Hoz, Pam Farris, Larry Klimek, Curt Mycut, Kim Strassburg

INTRO DATE	ITEM	ACTION NEEDED/TAKEN	BD ACTION	NEXT REPORT DATE	STATUS	PERSON IN CHARGE
06/27/17	CONSENT AGENDA	Consent Agenda included following items:	Carovano/ Kilgore		Approved	
	MINUTES OF MAY MEETING	sent via e-mail		JulyBOD		S.Miller
	FINANCIAL REPORT	sent via e-mail		JulyBOD		Stoeller
	VISITOR SERVICES REPORT	sent via e-mail		JulyBOD		S.Miller
	PHOTO SOCIETY REPORT	no meetings until September		SeptBOD		Nelson
	RESTORATION REPORT	sent via e-mail		JulyBOD		Squiers
	CAMP REPORT	sent via e-mail		JulyBOD		Hartz
	MEMBERSHIP REPORT	sent via e-mail		JulyBOD		Anderson
06/27/17	URBAN REFUGE PROGRAM 2016 REPORT	Jenny de la Hoz distributed copies of the new annual report for the Urban Program and provided an update on current activities, initiatives and partnerships; the report can be accessed online at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/2016UrbanProgramReport/				
06/27/17	IDEAS FOR 2017 ANNUAL MEETING	Hartz requested suggestions for agenda items or activities for the Friends' Annual Meeting, which will be Saturday, September 30		JulyBOD		Hartz
06/27/17	ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL REPORT	Hartz asked that members begin thinking about articles that will need to be written for the Friends' Annual Report; there should be a short report from each program area and/or committee, and they will be due in early September		JulyBOD		Hartz

06/27/17	SUPPORT LETTER FOR WAPATO GRANT	Curt Mycut provided an update on the implementation of restoration activities at Wapato Lake; he has been working with Metro, Clean Water Services and other partners on a grant proposal for funding from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; he requested a letter of support from the Friends; motion to authorize Hartz to submit a letter of support for the grant from the Friends of the Refuge	Mays/ Paquet	JulyBOD	Motion Approved	Hartz
06/27/17	OPEN POSITIONS ON THE BOARD	Hartz reported that he has a list of the Friends members who indicated an interest in the Board on their membership application; he is planning to ask John Marsh to contact those individuals to see if they might be interested in serving on the Board or one of its committees		JulyBOD		Hartz
06/27/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS:					
	REFUGE UPDATE	<p>Larry Klimek attended and provided the Refuge update; the 25th anniversary of the Refuge will be in October; a small committee is starting to work on planning the celebration, and ideas are welcome; he expressed thanks for the good work, judgment and support of the Friends' staff, and indicated that they have authority to make critical decisions at times when action is needed and FWS management cannot be reached immediately.</p> <p>Kim Strassburg provided an update on efforts to share information between the Friends' groups supporting Tualatin River, Ridgefield and Steigerwald refuges; she reported that all three Boards are interested in a possible joint meeting/event, perhaps something like a BBQ at Ridgefield this fall</p>				
	REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS	Anderson was not able to attend the meeting; volunteer hours for May and June will be collected at the July meeting				
	E-NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND DEADLINE	Articles and photos are due to Anderson or Kilgore by the date of the Board meeting, for the newsletter that goes out around the first of the following month				
	NEXT MEETING	The next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 25				