

APPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017 FRIENDS OF THE REFUGE BOD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Carovano, Fawver, Hart, Hartz, Kilgore, M.Miller, S.Miller, Nelson, Paquet

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mays, Squiers, Stoeller

OTHERS ATTENDING: Russell Foster, Marguerite Hills, Larry Klimek, Eva Kristofik, Chelsea Mckinney, Kim Strassburg

INTRO DATE	ITEM	ACTION NEEDED/TAKEN	BD ACTION	NEXT REPORT DATE	STATUS	PERSON IN CHARGE
03/28/17	CONSENT AGENDA	Consent Agenda included following items:	Hart/ Anderson		Approved	
	MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		S.Miller
	FINANCIAL REPORT	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		Stoeller
	VISITOR SERVICES REPORT	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		S.Miller
	TRBF REPORT	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		Anderson
	PHOTO SOCIETY REPORT	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		Nelson
	RESTORATION REPORT	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		Squiers
	CAMP REPORT	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		Hartz
	MEMBERSHIP REPORT	sent via e-mail		AprBOD		Anderson
03/28/17	INTRODUCTION OF NEW REGION 1 FRIENDS COORDINATOR	Chelsea Mckinney introduced herself as the new Friends Coordinator for USFWS Region 1; she began her new job on March 27				
03/28/17	PHOTO SOCIETY UPDATE	Nelson provided an overview of current and planned Photo Society activities; they have a number of outings planned, including a trip to film the solar eclipse in August				
03/28/17	"REVENUE SHARING" WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY	Hartz reported on a Federal resolution to fund "revenue sharing" for counties to replace funds lost due to public lands being off the tax rolls; the option to do this has been available for many years, but 1981 was the last year it was fully funded; he is proposing that Washington County be encouraged to advocate for the resolution to restore full funding; M.Miller and Paquet agreed to work on a letter to Washington Co. Commissioners		AprBOD		Hartz

03/28/17	ALTERNATIVE OUTDOOR SCHOOL	Anderson reported that she attended a "meet the funders" event at Intertwine, and spoke with both Oregon Community Foundation and Gray Family Fund; both expressed interest in providing funding for Alternative Outdoor School in the near future		AprBOD		Anderson
03/28/17	TUALATIN ROTARY CLUB	Hartz announced that he and Russell Foster attended the Tualatin Rotary meeting and presented information about the Refuge; after their presentation, the president asked if there was any way for Rotary to help the Refuge; a "wish list" has been provided to be shared at their next meeting		AprBOD		Hartz
03/28/17	REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT	Hartz received an email from Stafford Hamlet in Clackamas County, asking for the Friends to support them in opposing development along the Tualatin River; following discussion, there was consensus that this was not an issue the Board wished to weigh in on; Hartz will respond with that information		AprBOD		Hartz
03/28/17	FUNDING FOR NCTC TRAINING FOR SARAH WILLIAMS	Hartz requested Board approval to fund training at NCTC in September for Sarah Williams; Chelsea Mckinney indicated that NCTC is now offering scholarships for non-FWS employees to attend training there; a scholarship application will be submitted for tuition, room/board and possibly transportation		AprBOD		Hartz
03/28/17	GIFTS FOR JUNIOR DUCK STAMP WINNERS	Virginia Parks has asked for funding or donations of small gifts for winners of the Junior Duck Stamp judging; Paquet volunteered to contact Columbia Sportswear to see if they would donate items				
03/28/17	OPEN POSITIONS ON THE BOARD	Hartz announced that there is interest in adding someone from the Wapato Lake Refuge area to the Board; an individual in that area has expressed interest		AprBOD		Hartz
03/28/17	FRIENDS COMMITTEE CHARTERS	Anderson distributed the charter for the Membership Committee, to be added to the Board handbooks; she is still missing charters for a few committees		AprBOD		Anderson

03/28/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS:				
	REFUGE UPDATE	Larry Klimek attended to provide the Refuge update; the Wapato Lake environmental assessment will be released shortly, and there will be a 30-day comment period; a public meeting will be held in Gaston on May 15 to get community input on future plans			
	REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS	Anderson circulated a form to capture volunteer hours for March			
	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, April 25		6	