

Friends of NNWR  
Board Meeting  
April 17, 2010

Board Members Present: Dianne Schmidt, Mary Jane Bean, Jan Crosby, Ron Boettcher, Donna Amedro, Dick Roellig  
Staff: Katie Goodwin, Doug Staller  
A quorum being present, the meeting was brought to order at 7:30am

**Minutes** from the March meeting were presented by Dianne. Dick motioned to approve. It was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's report** was presented by Ron (attached). Bills to be paid for gift shop purchases total \$438.14, and the credit card bill was \$2,251.87 for scopes and blinds purchases as well as accounting services for tax preparation. Dianne made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Jan seconded and it was passed.

**Refuge Report:** Doug and Katie

9 pairs of cranes were nesting but all have left the nests now. It is early so this is not a great concern. There are 90 cranes back in Wisconsin now. We are working on nest studies and flyover surveys are being done.

Earth Day activities are coming up this week-Wednesday and Thursday.

Breakfast with the Birds is May 15<sup>th</sup> on the refuge.

April 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day to buy bricks that will be placed in time for Grand Opening.

However, bricks can be continuously purchased and placed after that date.

The walls on the Visitor center are going up. We will be taking pictures of the progress so they can be included in our newsletter.

**Fundraising Committee:** Donna

Breakfast with the birds planning is going well. We're getting coffee from StarBucks and some meat from Wisconsin River Meats so far. Pledge forms for species counts are out as well as flyers for the breakfast. These will be distributed around to as many places as possible.

Still working on the 2 grants-1 for Bookstore startup and the other for Birding projects.

**Rich King** has received all the scopes, tripods and blinds with much gratitude. Mary Jane has sent a thank you to Eagle Optics and Rich is working on a special behind-the-scenes tour for them. We have also given them a complimentary brick.

**Newsletter:** Dick

It is at the printer now. Brochure is ready to go as soon as a new front picture is found that is less grainy and fits better on the front.

**BookStore:** Delayed until next meeting

Need to discuss possibilities for the Crane Memorial and where to put it.

Moved to pay the \$125 annual membership fee to Tomah Chamber. We need to continue our presence there.

Next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna and seconded at 8:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Schmidt, Secretary