

Friends of NNWR

Board Meeting

June 10, 2010

Board Members Present: Dianne Schmidt, Mary Jane Bean, Jan Crosby, Ron Boettcher, Donna Amedro, Dick Roellig

Board Members Absent: None

Staff: Katie Goodwin, Doug Staller

Guests: Carole Bradley, Henry Crosby

A quorum being present the meeting was brought to order at 12:50pm.

Secretary's Report: Dianne presented minutes from last meeting. Jan motioned to approve. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ron made an adjustment to the previous statement to correct the balance so everything is corrected for 6/10/2010. Dianne made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as amended. It was seconded and passed. Dianne made a motion to pay the outstanding bills for the water bottles (no exact amount at this time) plus the MC bill. It was seconded and passed.

Refuge Report: Doug Staller

Currently we have 1 new chick on the refuge and 1 new chick in Wood County on private land.

WCEP meeting was held and the changes will be that Refuge Managers will no longer be on this board. If we get the number of chicks we're supposed to get we will be at 125 which is our goal so it needs to be addressed as to what we will do in the future.

Solar system papers have been signed and sent off to Focus on Energy program. We should receive the rebate check sometime after the building is up and functional.

Because of the Gulf oil spill, Fish and Wildlife employees from around the country will be going down there to help at intervals.

Public Use: Katie

75 kids (120 total people) were at Fishing Day and it was very successful.

Next year this event will be held at Harvey's Pond here on the Refuge coordinating various educational stations throughout the day.

The Kiosk information posters will be updated and hopefully printed this year.

Discovery Area will be opening in the Learning center this month. A naturalist will be on staff for questions, activities for children and a check-out area for various self-guided programs available. The refuge will be open 7 days a week.

Friends Blind Tours are scheduled for August 13, 14, 15th and they need to call now to reserve a spot on these.

Fundraising: Donna

Birding Day went very well. We raised \$754 during this event. It may be enhanced next year with additional time/days. Katie suggested that we also think about participating in the Dodge County Outdoors Conservation Days held on the Thursday and Friday prior to next year's Birding Day.

We are working on Nature Learning Grants to enhance our relationship with the area schools. The first year grant is for \$10,000 and 2nd year will be for \$5,000. We will concentrate on Nekoosa schools and Necedah schools first and then expand to others. Met with Mary Radl from Alliant Energy who felt we needed to get a 1 year and 5 year plan for our goals vs the refuge goals and for priority projects including costs for the wish lists and what is needed specifically in order to get big contributors to listen. Motion was made by Dick to co-sponsor the area Chamber After Five event to be held at the Juneau County Fair on August 19th. We will set up a booth, have our refuge video, and be available for information about our organization. Mary Jane will get more information regarding this but we will participate. It was seconded and passed.

Newsletter: Dick

Deadline is June 15th so get your articles to him ASAP.

Brochure is basically ready to go. We need it printed prior to Crane Fest.

Computer system/Cash register for the new Book Store has not been finalized as we need to get feedback from the Refuge regarding licensing/ownership/maintenance /responsibility etc.

Glacial Lakes: Nothing new. George Archibald will start contacting private donors.

There is a state-wide meeting next week.

Ron drafted a letter to the area Lions' clubs regarding our challenge for the Backpack Adventures program. Mary Jane , Katie, and Ron will be working on the edits and information that will go with this.

Board meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday July 15th starting at 10am and will be a strategic meeting instead of a regular board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Schmidt, Secretary
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