

**APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2017 FRIENDS OF THE REFUGE BOD MEETING**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mays, M.Miller, Paquet, Stoeller

OTHERS ATTENDING: Pam Farris, Larry Klimek, Pat Stark, Kim Young

INTRO DATE	ITEM	ACTION NEEDED/TAKEN	BD ACTION	NEXT REPORT DATE	STATUS	PERSON IN CHARGE
04/25/17	CONSENT AGENDA	Consent Agenda included following items:	Hart/ Squiers		Approved	
	MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		S.Miller
	FINANCIAL REPORT	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		Stoeller
	VISITOR SERVICES REPORT	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		S.Miller
	TRBF REPORT	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		Anderson
	PHOTO SOCIETY REPORT	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		Nelson
	RESTORATION REPORT	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		Squiers
	CAMP REPORT	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		Hartz
	MEMBERSHIP REPORT	sent via e-mail		MayBOD		Anderson
04/25/17	BUILDING COLLABORATION WITH PORTLAND-VANCOUVER FRIENDS GROUPS	Hartz reported that he and Larry Klimek met with project leaders from Ridgefield and Steigerwald and the presidents from Friends of Ridgefield and Columbia Gorge Stewards to explore opportunities for collaboration; the meeting was facilitated by Kim Strassburg; Hartz asked the Board for suggestions about how we might partner more effectively with the other areas; there were numerous suggestions, including promoting each others events, joint advocacy efforts, "round robin" meetings		MayBOD		Hartz
04/25/17	MEETING WITH GEOFF HASKETT	Hartz, Hart and Paquet were recently able to meet with Geoff Haskett, acting National Wildlife Refuge Association president, when he visited the Portland area; they were able to provide an overview of Visitor Services programs on the Refuge; NWRA is currently involved in a rebuilding effort, and seeking suggestions for possible corporate funding		MayBOD		Hartz

04/25/17	NFWF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	Hartz had received information about grants available from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for capacity building or Friends' projects; grants range from \$1500 to \$15,000; a Board discussion of possible proposals led to the possibility of requesting funds to update the FOR Strategic Plan (see next agenda item)		MayBOD		Hartz
04/25/17	STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE	Discussions have been ongoing for several months to begin a process to update the 5-year Strategic Plan, which "expires" this fall; the hope has been to tie the plan more closely to the FWS annual work plan, and to not duplicate information already in that document; following discussion, there was a suggestion to have each Board member review the portions of the Strategic Plan that DO need to be updated (primarily pages 27-37) and add appropriate strategies and objectives; Hartz will send out an electronic version of the Strategic Plan for members to edit as a starting point		MayBOD		Hartz
	DAYCATION MOBILE APP	Pat Stark attended the meeting to demonstrate the Daycation mobile app that has been developed with Intertwine partners; the app can now be downloaded from iTunes for free (an Android version is coming later this year) and includes nature-related excursions in the area along with information about the surrounding community; testers with iPhones are needed to provide feedback on the app; information is available on the Intertwine website				
04/25/17	OPEN POSITIONS ON THE BOARD	Hartz reminded members that there are open positions on the Board, and to be thinking about people who might be interested in serving		MayBOD		Hartz
04/25/17	TUALATIN ROTARY CLUB "WISH LIST"	Hartz has not yet heard back from the Tualatin Rotary Club about funding for items on the "wish list" they requested		MayBOD		Hartz
04/25/17	FRIENDS COMMITTEE CHARTERS	Per Anderson, charters are still needed from some committees		MayBOD		Anderson

04/25/17	ANNOUNCEMENTS:					
	REFUGE UPDATE	Larry Klimek attended to provide the Refuge update; he discussed the possibility of a government shutdown, but indicated that it appeared unlikely at the time of the meeting; the Environmental Assessment for Wapato Lake is awaiting approval at Regional Office; the plan to pump more water into the wetlands this summer means that there will be water for Bird Festival for the first time				
	REPORT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS	Anderson circulated a form to capture volunteer hours for April				
	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, May 23				