



## FRIENDS OF TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

May 28, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Bonnie Anderson, Dawn Carovano, Alan Christensen, Gary Fawver, Cheryl Hart, Sharon Miller, Michelle Miller, Mark Newell, Scott Owen, Michelle Scholz, Ed Squiers,

Excused: Tom Hartz, Keith Mays, Peter Paquet, Willem Stoeller, Irene Vlach.

Staff: Larry Klimek

We have a quorum.

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda:

1. Alan
2. Cheryl

Passed, all in favor.

### III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

1. Cheryl
2. Dawn

Passed, with all in favor.

### IV. Report

### V. New Business

#### A) Membership Committee - Michelle S.

- Reminder about the tabling events, and gaps in sign-ups. Pick up materials in the Visitors Center prior to event – table, chairs, canopy, box of materials.

- Michelle will have an article in the June Members newsletter encouraging Friends member to volunteer to work a table at an upcoming event; will also include on Friends Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- Discussion about the importance of the events, their focus (membership, volunteers, informational), and likelihood of success (mixed reviews from attempts in previous years).
- Discussion about offering the Members discount to employees of any Corporate Sponsor/Membership; Membership Committee will review and provide recommendation at next Board meeting.

B) Bird Festival – Bonnie and Scott

- Reviewed budget and highlights; met financial goals and seed money for 2020 event.
- BF committee meeting June 5<sup>th</sup> to review event, what worked and what needs addressing, and any recommendations. Will review with the Board at a future meeting.
- General consensus – Festival a huge success in terms of feedback from attendees, budget, and fun factor.

C) Chicken Creek Grants – Bonnie

- Bonnie brought the Chicken Creek Restoration Grant document (Willamette Water Supply) for Mark's signature. The amount of the grant is \$440,000.

D) FWS Update – Larry

- Thank you to staff and volunteers that helped make the Bird Festival such a success. Anecdotally, it sounded like the messages about the Chicken Creek Restoration and related projects were well received.
- Reviewed some upcoming restoration projects, especially related to Chicken Creek and Wapato Lake. Asked the Friends to consider organizing work parties for ponds P1 and P2 restoration in October and January.
- Related to CC and Wapato Lake – reviewed grants and money focused on restoration work. Requested the Friends allocate some additional money to speed up and enhance what will be planted this year and early 2020.

Motion: Reallocate \$16K that was authorized at the April Board meeting for Wapato Lake restoration plantings, and add \$9K for a total of \$25K to be used for restoration projects 'as needed':

1. Cheryl
  2. Ed
- Passed, with all in favor.

## VI. Announcements

### A. Other Announcements

Alan gave an update on the scripts and photos added to the PowerPoint presentation he's working on to 'tell the story of the Refuge'; goal to use with prospective individual and corporate members, at tabling events, and with members.

## VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

1. Ed
  2. Alan
- Passed with all in favor.