

# FOB Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

Attendees: Board Members- Kelly Smith, Dub Lyon, Bill Carr, Joan Muckerjee, Pat Wilkinson;  
USFWS- David Maple, Cindy Fronk

- Dub called the meeting to order at 4:39pm
- Previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved
- Treasurer's Report – Received a check for Songbird Festival from HEB. Received a check for land acquisition from the Chief Rick Stone Charitable Foundation for \$2000. The 2014 tax return has been finished and Pat will post it to the drive to share with the board. No profit and loss statement will be posted this month. Pat will correct the sales income on the 2015 budget to \$2500. Kelly made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, and Bill C seconded it. Joan abstained from voting. Motion passed.
- Audit – Dub – Still waiting until summer for audit.
- Refuge Report – David – Fire crew is in South Carolina for 6 weeks doing prescribed burns. Scott Rowin, Jim Mueller, John Harrington, and Chuck Sexton are scouting for Golden-cheeked Warblers. Black-capped Vireos have been found in new places (Doeskin and Webster). There is a big push for monarch butterfly management coming from the national level. Looking for a six month intern to do local outreach for monarchs. Money is being set aside to upgrade the greenhouse facility for milkweed plants. Refuge received the FY 2015 budget. There is a slight increase, but the same amount was then deducted to cover an overage from last year. There has been an uptick in visitors from last week, especially long distance travelers (South Africa, Canada, Israel, Los Angeles). The decision to backfill the refuge manager position has been made and they are waiting to re-evaluate the pay scale before someone is hired or promoted. –Cindy- Lots of volunteers helping with FledglingFest. The 23<sup>rd</sup> school will be here soon with over 80 kids. Talked with the Goodwater Master Naturalists. Looking to scale up our events into summer camps (bridges to birding is an example) and get more volunteers from their group out to the refuge. Will meet with the Sierra Club soon to see about taking programs out to them and get them more involved at the refuge. Will be at Candelight Ranch with an Earth Day display.
- Insurance – Dub – Acquired and saved on the drive.
- Songbird Festival – Kelly – Everything is moving right along as planned. The coming weekend is Migration Celebration and Kelly will be in Galveston again. Will be at the refuge Wed pm to set up the bay and will be there all day Thursday to finish set up.
- Logo – Kelly – Cathy Harrington asked that the logo be re-evaluated as she was not asked to submit an option. General discussion was that the logo chosen is still the best (birds on a branch from Patagonia intern) and we will stick with that. No motion made for a re-vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm (Pat made a motion, seconded by Bill C).