

FOB Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2015

Attendees: Board Members- Kelly Smith, Dub Lyon, Bill Carr, Lynette Holtz, Joan Muckerjee; USFWS- David Maple; special guest call in- Deborah Holle

- Dub called the meeting to order at 5:34pm
- Previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved
- Treasurer's Report – Pat did not attend the meeting so approval of report is postponed due to questions by the board.
- Audit – Dub – Have to have a certified audit. Found a place. Will cost \$1000 less if we wait until after tax season. Board agreed to wait.
- Refuge Report – David – Cindy is at certified interpreter's training. The RV volunteers are leaving. A few left last week and more are leaving this week. David did a safety talk regarding spring dangers: spiders, stings, poisonous plants, snakes, etc for the remaining volunteers and staff. Fire Crew is out at other places after finishing up most of the burns on the refuge: West Texas, Ozona, Shepherd Air Force Base, South Carolina Air Force Base. Cowbird trapping has begun in anticipation of nesting by the GCWA and BCVI. Pig traps are active as well. Golden-cheeked Warblers have arrived and are singing for territories and mates. David did a presentation for the Lago Vista/Jonestown Chambers and a talk for Williamson County Audubon. There is no refuge manager update. Dub was selected as the Refuge Volunteer of the Year! Recently had some school groups cancel due to school inspections. They have been rescheduled.
- Insurance – Dub – A new policy is almost finalized and will cost around \$1800. Includes Umbrella Liability and Director's coverage.
- Deborah called in and suggested we do more with monarch butterflies as they are a hot topic across the nation and migrate through the refuge.
- Grants – Kelly – Tech Grant has been confirmed and all paperwork turned in. Volunteers for classes will be discussed at next meeting. Diversity grant is due next month. A grant from a pipeline company is coming up soon. Kelly will look into it and probably apply for money for Monarchs. Kelly submitted an application for a grant to pay for Peaceful Springs from the Chief Rick Stone & Family Charitable Foundation. Foundation says they should have an answer in a couple weeks.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm (Kelly made a motion, seconded by Bill C).