

FOB Meeting- September 2015

Attendees- Dub Lyon, Pat Wilkinson, Gary Caylor, Lynette Holtz, Joan Mukherjee, Bill Carr; FWS- David Maple

Dub called meeting to order @5:32 pm.

Previous minutes approved after change to delete phrase "and will put together a Songbird Festival Committee."

Treasurer's report was approved without discussion.

Refuge Report- Dove Hunt was held at beginning of month and attracted a large number of hunters. Swiftfest was a success. Johnstown is becoming more proactive and has asked the Refuge's help in constructing new path to join to parks. Fire Department is back from fighting Western Fires and a number of controlled burns are planned. Deer count starts tonight.

Dub is to receive his Award on Sept. 28.

Senior Fish and Wildlife Management will meet with staff on Sept 29

Refuge Budget runs out on Oct. 1 and plan for shut down is in place in case Congress does nothing.

Volunteer training for two new courses will be held this month "Monarchs" on Sept 17 and "Pollinators" on Sept 18.

Assisted Lago Vista Middle School renovate old green house and amphitheater

1st meeting of 2016 Song Bird Festival is planned though there is no chair yet. 3 Day event is planned on April 23, 24 and 25. Jane is working on identifying chair and co-chair for Song Bird Festival.

Letter from Jim Nosler is to be reviewed at next meeting.

The Friends AGM will be on November 8 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Jane, Sharon and Sandy will organize.

Since Cathy is leaving Dub, Sharon and Jane will take over responsibility for software for web page and magazine. It is now easier to log in volunteer hours on the site.

Pat to investigate buying 32" TV.

Proposed changes to fees for various Membership levels and to be reviewed at next Board Meeting.

Fund Raising for Peaceful Springs is on-going with opportunity at Oatmeal on Oct 18.

Next meeting will be on Oct 20 at Refuge at 5.30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned