

FOB Minutes
January 18, 2017

Members present: Dub Lyon, Pat Wilkinson, Wayne Collins, Jane Brunclik, Lynette Holtz, Evelyn Nugent, Fred Zagst

Visitors: Ruth Lyon

Members absent: Joan Mukherjee, Shelby Baetz, David Brady

Staff present: David Maple, Kelly Purkey

Jane B called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved: Motion to approve Pat Wilkinson, Second by Dub Lyons

Treasure Report Pat Wilkinson Checking \$226,163.87, Money Market \$126,116.58

Refuge Report:

Kelly Purkey reported that the new position for Urban Initiative & Environmental Education has been filled. Jennifer Brown is the new employee and she comes from Aransas NWR. This is a new position that was posted and filled in a very short time frame at the end of December. Jennifer will also be in charge of Outreach and the volunteers.

David Maples reported the following: working on finding constructive jobs for the volunteers, fire crew are set for controlled burns, maintenance crew is working on roads, two seasonal members have joined the fire crew and one transitional member on the fire crew, Lonnie our law enforcement officer is training a law enforcement trainee, and there is a new regional office surveyor who is working with another surveyor at the refuge.

David also stated that Cathy Harrington is tracking the RV volunteer hours

Membership Committee

Ruth Lyon reported that the "Kids Guide" for the refuge will become a guide for all and will be in color. The committee will also be putting out flyers at the different Chamber of Commerce offices. Jane has also created a calendar of events on the web site.

Jane Brunclik reported that Calendar of Events is up on the website, and monthly friend's only events are scheduled. Also the "Tri Annual FOB meeting will be April 21st" with hot dogs for the meal.

Fundraising

Wayne reported on pavilion with cost around 40K for a steel roof and supporting structure. Need to look at some less expensive options.

Songbird – Guides are lined up, Registration opens Feb 14th

Sparrowfest – 36 signed up, Dick Peterson is doing the food.

Trail Committee- Dan Nugent is Chair of this new committee. They have already done one day of trail work. Central Texas Trail Tamer's to teach the trail committee on how to construct and maintain the trails.

Goals for the FOB

Jane lead the discussion

- FOB is always on the lookout for land
- Amphitheater should be a two year goal
- Trail work – Finish rebuild of Rim Rock Trail in 2017- Trail Tamers coming out 1st week of March
- Emergency Response Plan – Gary is working with Travis County ESD #1 on a plan
- Trail Extensions - Kelly will need to work with regional office, can't open trails to public without sign off from regional. Kelly is learning about the necessary paper work to get trails approved.
- FOB Partnership agreement with Fish and Wildlife is being worked on and will be completed in 2017.
- FOB will have an activity every month
- Environmental Ed/Urban outreach – Waiting on Jennifer for her input
- Improve Peaceful Springs Rd
- Trail Signs

Budget – Budget categories have been changed. Budget was discussed, \$500 to be sent to Hill Country Alliance. Fred Zagst made motion to accept the budget, Lynette second the motion. Motion passed six to one. Committed chairs are in charge of the funds in their committee's budget.