



# FOB Meeting Minutes

## Meeting

<b>Title</b>	Friends of Balcones National Wildlife Refuge Board of Directors Meeting		
<b>Purpose</b>	Bi-Monthly Board Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	July 19, 2017	<b>Time / Duration</b>	5:35pm – 7:40pm
<b>Facilitator</b>	Jane Brunclik	<b>Recorder</b>	David Brady
<b>Location</b>	Balcones National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters		

## Attendee List

Board Members	Refuge Staff
Jane Brunclik (President)	Kelly Purkey (Refuge Manager)
Pat Wilkinson (Treasurer)	Jennifer Brown (Environmental Education Specialist)
Joan Mukherjee	
Shelby Baetz	
Evelyn Nugent	
Lynette Holtz	
Wayne Collins	
David Brady (Secretary)	

## Agenda

#	Topic	Responsible
1	May Meeting Minutes	Jane Brunclik
2	Refuge Report	Kelly Purkey
3	Treasurer's Report	Pat Wilkinson
4	Old Business	Jane Brunclik
5	New Business	Jane Brunclik
6	Board Handbook	Shelby Baetz
7	Annual Meeting	Jane Brunclik

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Topic 1	May Meeting Minutes
	Minutes approved.



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<b>Topic 2</b>	<b>Refuge Report</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visitor's service review completed in January (still not seen as of this meeting). Regional office planning to provide \$70,000 to redo signage to include roads, trails, trailheads in the next year.</li> <li>2. TXdot is widening the bridge East of the Refuge HQ.</li> <li>3. BCNWR has an intern, Morgan A., to work with Candlelight Ranch and interpretive programs.</li> <li>4. The Refuge will host a Fall Festival on <b>October 14, 2017</b>. The festival will be titled the Wildlife Refuge Roundup. Emphasis will be on activities on the refuge, including: hunting, fishing, hiking, photography and environmental education.</li> <li>5. Biology: slow. Birds about to migrate southwards. Working to create 15-year habitat management plans for each parcel.</li> <li>6. Fire: Summer burns contingent on weather. Priority level 4 nationwide. Waiting to hear on a grant to use prescribed fire to improve monarch habitat on Ft. Hood and on private lands.</li> <li>7. Budget: budget approximately the same as last year.</li> </ol>
<b>Topic 3</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
	<p><b>FOB Budget</b>          Checking: \$253,560.20          Money Market: \$126,132.31</p>
<b>Topic 4</b>	<b>New Business</b>
	<p><b>Balcones Canyonlands Working Group</b>          Focus on Cow Creek Watershed. Trust for Public Land proposed \$60,000 GIS and scoping project. <b>Board voted against matching the funding for the project. 0 for; 9 against. The measure did not clear.</b></p> <p><b>Advisory Board</b>          Still considering individuals. No specifics, more suggestions encouraged.</p>



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<b>Topic 5</b>	<b>New Business</b>
	<p><b>Refuge Roundup (Fall Festival)</b> Jennifer made request that FOB donate \$650 for a live raptor program for the Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Refuge Roundup. Pat Wilkinson made a motion to approve, Shelby Baetz seconded. <b>The motion for FOB to donate \$650 for a live raptor program at the Refuge Roundup cleared.</b></p> <p><b>Google Street View Project</b> Google proposed a street view program to refuge. Volunteers would wear a 40lb. image-taking backpack that would record 360 degree images owned by and accessible through Google. Google would provide a \$500 stipend</p> <p><b>Doeskin Shelter</b> Total projected cost: \$75,200. Structure: concrete slab, timber frame, steel roof. Evelyn Nugent and Wayne Collins are finishing an LCRA grant worth \$50,000. Grant requires a water conservation component (rainwater harvesting built into design). Need \$27,000 donation from FOB. Lynette Holtz made a motion to donate, Wayne Collins seconded. <b>The motion for FOB to donate \$27,000 towards the pavilion cleared.</b></p>
<b>Topic 6</b>	<b>Board Handbook</b>
	Board discussed revisions to the Friends of Balcones Board Handbook. Shelby Baetz in charge of making revisions. Handbook will be updated and saved on the FOB G-drive.
<b>Topic 7</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
	Annual meeting set for October 22, 2017

*Meeting Adjourned - 7:40pm*

## Future BOD Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Facilitator / Recorder
9/20/2017	5:30	BCNWR Headquarters	Jane Brunclik / David Brady