

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
of
Friends of Cibola NWR
An Arizona Non-profit Corporation

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Friends of Cibola NWR was held on the 14th day of August 2021 at 10:05 a.m., held at 65771 North Curry Lane, Cibola, AZ 85328. John Rosenfeld, Mike Tommaney, Andy Anderson, Rick Francis (present via phone), Brandon Nickle & Skip Wallace were present and participated in the meeting, being all the Directors and officers except Dan Bliss who was absent.

Carissa Rosenfeld acted as Secretary of the Corporation, and treasure of the meeting and the Chairman.

The Chairman announced that a quorum of the Directors was present, and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with its business.

1) **Reading of the previous minutes**

- a) The previous minutes were read. Mike Tommaney made a motion to accept the minutes as read and John Rosenfeld seconded the motion.

2) **Treasurer's Report**

- a) Membership: 152
 b) Financial report \$9,651.85 (8/13/21)
 i) 8/2/21 \$69.99 Microsoft Suite 1-year renewal
 ii) 8/9/21 \$30.46 Printer paper 4,000 sheets-Amazon
 iii) 8/10/21 \$50.36 Hp ink 5 black and 3 color-Amazon
 c) Junior Waterfowl Savings account balance: \$1,521.66
 d) Secretary budget remaining: \$30.22
 e) Volunteer hours: 374 hours as of 8/13/2021

3) **Old-unfinished Business:**

- a) Misc. Updates-
 i. Moist Soil ponds planting- approx. 1,200 pounds were planted. Fields # 1, 7, 9 & 11
 ii. Island Unit 50-acre wheat-strips in the wheat fields were cut.
 iii. Bylaw amendment change-pending

4) **New Business**

a) **Federal U.S Fish & Wildlife Officer**

- a. The line dividing the Unit 1 North from South still needs to be cleared.
 b. It is important for people to have a signed brochure while hunting on the refuge.
 c. Officer Carver introduced the new Federal U.S Fish & Wildlife Officer Twerdak.

b) **Arizona Game & Fish**

- a. Registration for the Jr. Waterfowl camp will most likely open around mid-October.
 i. Probably will be accepting around 20 youth this year.
 ii. It was asked that the Friends group provide a link to the information for the Outdoor Skills calendar to help get the information out.

c) **U.S Fish and Wildlife-not present**

- i. Unit 2 planting-The Refuge has wanted to do a co-op with the Friends group. In prior discussions the Refuge was going to prep the fields and the

Friends group was going to pay for the seed and the planting. We recently received an email from the Refuge wanting to purchase the seed and have the Friends group pay for the discing and planting.

1. The Friends group found out from Richard Swan that it would cost a minimum of \$10,000 to disc and plant and that if any land plaining was needed that it would be an additional cost.
2. Brandon Nickle said that most of the seed if not all the wheat seed for Unit 2 could get donated.
3. Brandon Nickle made a motion to not have Richard Swan disc and plant Unit 2 due to it depleting our bank account funds. This motion was tabled until further conversations with the refuge.
4. The concern about getting water to the fields was brought up due to the Unit 2 pumps not being in.

ii. Graveling Unit 2 parking lot-pending

iii. Unit 2 pump update-pending

- d) Banner's update- A good friend of Brandon Nickle manufactured 5 new banners for picking up trash and 6 boards that can be placed on stakes in areas where it may not be possible to hang other banners. Those were delivered at the meeting.
- e) Brochure printing/application handouts-It was discussed that the applications and the brochures could be printed on regular printer paper to help save on the expense of having a company print them up.
- f) La Paz County grant- We were unable to get it.
- g) Trash removal from levee road- It was discussed that it may be beneficial for the Friends members to write letters to BLM or BOR (who ever oversees cleaning up the washes) about the trash and see if they could provide dumpsters for trash removal.
 - a. Also, if you see trash and have room to pick it up to just pick it up with your trash.
- h) Partnership Agreement update-April 2022 Since the finalization of the Office of Inspector general report, it was decided that Friends groups nationwide needed to update their Partnership agreement to provide some of the terms to help with clarification of certain wording and terms. A new form outline was provided. It was decided that April 2022 would be when we would work on updating our Partnership Agreement.
- i) Blind #13- It was inquired as to when the Blind #13 on Unit 2 would be reinstalled. Further communications with the Refuge need to be discussed to determine this.
- j) Insurance renewal- Insurance renewal for the Friends group and the Jr. Waterfowl camp is coming due on 9/7/21.

5) Call to public-

- a) It was asked why the Refuge could not pay Richard Swan for some of the work.
 - i. It was explained that the Refuge can not pay someone directly for a project and that they would need to put the project up to bid for contractors to bid on.

6) Next Meeting-

a) September 18, 2021 @ 1pm- To be held at 65771 N. Curry Lane, Cibola, AZ 85328.

7) Workday-

a) September 18, 2021 @ 8am to pick up Unit 2 & Island Unit trash and trash cans.

Next meeting will be held September 18th at 1pm to be held at 65771 North Curry Lane, Cibola, AZ 85328.

There being no further business to be transacted, upon motion duly made by Mike Tommaney, Brandon Nickle seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13am.

SECRETARY/Carissa Rosenfeld

I the undersigned Director of Friends of Cibola NWR hereby approve the contents of the foregoing minutes from the meeting held on the 14th day of August 2021.

DIRECTOR