

- b. The refuge plans on having the mesquite trees that are growing in the fields of Unit 2 mowed down. The refuges mower just recently got repaired.
- c. There is a fire crew out on the Island Unit trimming trees and will also be clearing the Nature Trail. The goal is to chip the wood in the Nature Trail and trim any other snags.
- d. There is a detailed manager for Cibola National Wildlife Refuge coming in on November 4th and will be here until early December but may extend.
- e. There is a detailed biologist coming in on the 18th of November till mid-December and then afterwards will have another person who is interested starting after that person.
- f. There will be another detailed manager coming in after the other detailed manager, but it is unclear how long they will be able to be here.
- g. The maintenance person who is currently being hired is still in the process of going through the paperwork and it is unclear as to why it is taking so long.
- h. Current applications for the Unit 2 Goose Hunt draw are approximately around 50.
 - i. Applications can be emailed to swaz@fws.gov or email it to Chris Lohrengel. They also have the option of sending it in via mail.

4) Old Unfinished Business

- g. Deer Crossings Unit 1- tabled
- h. Unit 2 Pedestrian Gates-tabled
- i. Field trips- January?
 - a. Sometime in January there is a class that would like to come out for a field trip.
- j. Unit 2 clearing of south blinds-November 1st
 - i. We were notified that instead of being able to have the refuge complete a few forms to restore the lower portion of Unit 2 as previously thought, that there were other protocols that they found out that needed to be done to proceed forward. See notes under U.S Fish and Wildlife Service.
 - ii. The Refuge feels that the project is moving in a positive direction but doesn't want to provide a definitive answer until all of the process is complete in hearing back from the other parties involved. This is partially due to it taking 30-60 days to hear a response back from the State historical preservation officer.
 - iii. The new time frame that we are looking at to start the project would be after the Waterfowl season, which would be sometime in February.
- k. Blythe Parade-
 - i. The theme is Christmas around the world.
 - ii. A friends member said they would help with building the float. We are still looking for people to help.
- l. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)-reporting-pending
 - m. Jr. Ranger program-tabled
 - n. Local Sportsman's Grant- recently signed for.
 - i. John Rosenfeld made a motion that the Friends of Cibola NWR covers the cost of the walk for the insurance and deducts that cost so that the rest of the insurance cost that is for the waterfowl camp is reimbursed by the grant. Dave Kaihara seconded the motion, the motion was carried.

- o. Photo Contest- will start soon
 - p. Membership card- completed and are currently being handed out.
 - q. Bird Banding pliers grant: Due September 10th.
 - a. The website was redone. Went to look for the grant but could not find it. The company offered 10% off an order.
 - i. John Rosenfeld made a motion to purchase Arizona Game and Fish 3 bird banding pliers and snap ring pliers to separate the bands and for it to not exceed \$450. Rebecca Notarangelo seconded the motion; the motion was carried.
 - r. Nominations in November for Directors.
 - a. The three spots up for re-election are John Rosenfeld, Andy Anderson, and Rebecca Notarangelo. November will be nominations, December is elections, and January will be announcing who won.
 - s. Visitor Center- it was agreed that we needed another season to prepare before the Friends group tries to help out with the Visitor Center.
 - t. Planting in February- John will be meeting with Chris Lohrengel on Thursday to discuss further.
- 5) New Business
- a. Jr. Waterfowl camp- registration opened October 1st.
 - b. Registration opened online by accident. Took some time to be able to log in and get the problem corrected. Due to it being special registration by having to print out the packet and send it in, everyone was notified of this and that they needed to send in the packet to register for the event.
 - c. We are still needing mentors for the event.
 - d. Workday- the workday for setting out the benches for both Unit 2 and Island Unit went well.
 - e. Ducks Unlimited donated \$2,000 to help put towards the Unit 2 project.
 - f. Switching banking institutions
 - i. The proposed banking institution that the Friends group would switch to is willing to offer no fees and provide an annual donation of \$1,000.
 - 1. The institution that previously provided the \$1,000 stopped providing the donation due to the bank being bought out.
 - ii. John Rosenfeld made a motion that we close out the Chase account and open an account with Farmers and Merchant bank, Dave Kaihara seconded the motion, the motion was carried.
 - 1. Dave Kaihara made a motion that the two signers on the account should be the President and the Treasurer, Andy Anderson seconded the motion, the motion was carried.
 - a. It was discussed about having all of the directors be signers on the account as that was how it was on the Chase account when it was originally opened but was discussed that there was no need to have all of the directors as signers on the account.
 - i. It was discussed as to if all of the directors wanted a debit card to the account in case something needed to be purchased. It was mentioned that if a director needed to purchase something,

that they could be reimbursed by check. It was also discussed that there only needed to be 1 debit card to help keep the account more secure.

- g. Purchasing more t-shirts and transfers for Nature Rewards.
 - iii. Dave Kaihara made a motion to purchase 24 t-shirts and transfers for Nature Rewards, John Rosenfeld seconded the motion, the motion was carried.
- g. Friends of Cibola NWR board of directors was invited to the stakeholders meeting on November 7th at Arizona Game and Fish office in Yuma, AZ

3) Next Meeting- 12/28/24 @ 10am to be held at 66600 Cibola Lake Road, Cibola, AZ 85328

4) Call to public-

- a) None at this time

Next meeting will be held December 28th at 10:00am to be held at 66600 Cibola Lake Road, Cibola, AZ 85328. There being no further business to be transacted, upon motion duly made by Dave Kaihara to adjourn the meeting, Andy Anderson seconded and carried the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

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 19th day of October 2024.

DIRECTOR