

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 25th day of January 2025 at 10:00 a.m., held at 66600 Cibola Lake Road, Cibola, AZ 85328. John Rosenfeld, Rebecca Notarangelo, Andy Anderson, Howard Jenson, and Dave Kaihara were present and participated in the meeting, being all the Directors and officers.

Carissa Rosenfeld, Secretary of the Corporation, and treasurer acted as the secretary for 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. Howard Jenson made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Rebecca Notarangelo seconded the motion, the motion was carried.

2) Treasurer’s Report

- a. Membership: 186
- b. Educational Outreach: \$1,227.45
- c. Financial Report:

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01/24/25	Current Bank balance	\$19,896.55
	Available Bank balance	\$18,669.10
January		
	Internet security 3-year renewal	\$127.90

*For further detailed information regarding expenses, please contact Friends of Cibola NWR

- d. Jr. Waterfowl Savings: \$3,467.30

- i. \$100 was reimbursed to the checking account for original opening balance that came from checking account.

- e. Secretary Budget: \$94.62
- f. Volunteer Hours: TBD

3) U.S Fish & Wildlife Service-

- a. Federal U.S Fish & Wildlife Officer Ken Carver, voiced concerns of EPA regulations regarding fueling the D7 equipment during the clearing of Unit 2 south blinds.
- b. Currently 90 day hiring freeze, which started Tuesday, January 21st, 2025.
- c. 10% cut in budget from last year’s budget.
- d. 20 positions within the region will not be filled due to budget cuts.
- e. Island Unit 7, 8, & 11 moist soil units are being actively watered. Water levels were pretty good after 10 days of low water levels where the refuge couldn't pump any water at all. Hart Mine Marsh also being watered. The staff gauge currently reads 217.0.
- f. One of the refuge volunteers had cut some more milo in the fields west of the visitor center (VC).

- g. Waterfowl/crane surveys have been going on for a while and continue periodically. AZGFD did an aerial flight counting sandhill cranes on Jan. 24.
- h. February 3rd, contractors will be at the office to replace some doors and ceiling tiles. The refuge will try to avoid having to close the VC. Hoping the work can be completed by Wednesday when the VC opens again.
- i. Refuge volunteers have been clearing some vegetation along fence bordering Unit 2. They've also done some fence repairs in various parts of the refuge.
- j. General refuge maintenance that has been completed: plumbing leak fixed at residence, tractor/backhoe tires replaced/repared, motor replaced on bay door.
- k. Planned refuge maintenance: replace the mangled green gates along Hart Mine Marsh Road bordering Unit 2; clear mesquite off the east levee road heading to Cibola Lake (fire crew or side boom when available); also, some prescribed burns planned for February.
- l. Equipment used to clear Unit 2 south blinds needs to be pressure washed prior to arrival and before the equipment is used for the next job. This will help prevent transportation of non-native/invasive species of plants from being spread.
- m. Future Goose hunting applications are trying to be put on recreation.gov website.

4) Old Unfinished Business

- a. Deer Crossings Unit 1- Purchasing the materials since the last meeting was held off temporarily due to funds being moved from one financial institution to the other. Purchasing materials will resume.
- b. Unit 2 Pedestrian Gates- tabled
- c. Unit 2 clearing of south blinds- February 10th
 - i. Route to bring in equipment- is approved
 - ii. Will the refuge be able to pitch in \$2,500- the refuge is looking into it.
- d. Jr. Ranger program- tabled.
- e. Photo Contest- coming to an end January 31st.
- f. 5K Walk (01/04/25):
 - i. \$417 in cash & Venmo \$125 (2 membership renewals, 1 Kaufman book purchase, & donation)
 - ii. 5 pizzas donated by Dominoes
 - iii. 95 attendees. 30 more participants than last year
- g. Planting in February- Friends group met with the refuge. The refuge is not wanting to plant due to several various reasons.
- h. Domain name renewal coming up in March
- i. Filter for water fountain- not needed and U.S Fish & Wildlife service bought 2 replacements
- j. The field trip moved to January 31st. Looking for more volunteers.

5) New Business

- a. Fishing clinic: Saturday, April 26th.
 - i. When do we open registration. - February
- 1. Do we want to put registration on our website? -Yes
- b. ACC filing coming up in February

- c. IRS filing for taxes coming up in March
 - d. Annual meeting. When do we want to have it? - February 15th
 - e. Projects list for 2025 projects + future projects- The Friends group will get together a list of completed projects for 2024 and a proposed list of projects for 2025 which will include a list of possible projects.
 - f. Miscellaneous
- 6) Next Meeting- 02/15/2025 @ 10am to be held at 66600 Cibola Lake Road, Cibola, AZ 85328
- 7) Call to the public-
- a) None at this time

Next meeting will be held February 15th 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 Andy Anderson to adjourn the meeting, John Rosenfeld seconded and carried the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 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 25th day of January 2025.

DIRECTOR