

Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuge
1/16/17 DRAFT

Meeting called to order by Ed Barrios, President at 3:00 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, West Columbia

Attendees:

- Members: Ed Barrios, Mickey Dufilho, Marty Cornell, Phil Huxford, David Plunkett, Kim Richardson, Dick Schaffhausen, Jeanne Manry, Judy Green, Ron Bisbee, Oron Atkins, Tom Taroni, Susan Conaty, Jerry Eppner, Jo Myers, Herb Myers, Jerry Krampota,
- Refuge Staff: Jennifer Sanchez, Johnny Dwyer

Vote on 2017 Board of Directors

Ed presented the following slate of officers and directors for 2017 and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor

Officers and Board of Directors 2017

Ed Barrios – President
Ron Bisbee – Vice President
Mickey Dufilho – Secretary
Richard Schaffhausen – Treasurer
Oron Atkins – Member at Large
Marty Cornell – Member at Large
Judy Green – Member at Large
Phil Huxford – Member at Large
Jeanne Manry – Member at Large
Neal McLain – Member at Large
David Plunkett – Member at Large
Kim Richardson – Member at Large
Torry Tvedt – Member at Large

Kim moved to accept the slate of officers presented. 2nd by Phil. The slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote.

Financial Report – Dick Schaffhausen

- Presented summary of money in the accounts, committee dollars and balance.

Refuge Report – Jennifer Sanchez

- Johnny Dwyer was hired to direct the DEEP program and other projects.
- Oil and Gas Company wants to drill a well at San Bernard Headquarters.
- The refuge is going to give more emphasis on prairie habitat.
- The refuge will be collecting more scientific data on Columbia Bottomlands to include soil, plants, animals and environmental impact.
- Halls Bayou is in need of work, especially management of invasive species and brush control. A plan would be to have some volunteer days to address those needs.

Outreach

- 2/25/17 Sea Center Nature Day
- 3/4/17 Brazoria Heritage Day

Future Dates to put on Calendar

- 1/31/17 Migration Celebration Planning Meeting Ed's home
- 4/7/17 Migration Celebration Dinner at Riverplace
- 4/22 and 23 Migration Celebration San Bernard Refuge

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM