

Minutes Board of Directors
Friends of the Brazoria Wildlife Refuges
1/26/14

Minutes by Mickey Dufilho

Meeting called to order by Ed Barrios, President, at 1:00 PM, Headquarters, Mid-Coast NWR

Attendees:

- Board Members: Ed Barrios, Ron Bisbee, Mickey Dufilho, Phil Huxford, Neal McLain, Denis Mudderman, David Plunkett, Krissy Plunkett and Tom Taroni
- Refuge Staff : Jennifer Sanchez, Tom Schneider

Minutes – Mickey Dufilho

- Minutes from 12/12/13 were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ron and seconded by Tom. Motion passed.
- Action Register was reviewed and updated. See attached action register
- Motion was made by Mickey to ask Teresa Cox, CPA, to do a formal audit on our finances. 2nd by Ron. Motion passed. Mickey will contact Teresa Cox.

Financial Report – Krissy Plunkett

- Balance \$428,053.67. A check for \$385.00 for restitution is not reflected. Mickey moved to accept the financial report. Second by Ron. Motion passed.
- Financial Report Attached.

Refuge Update – Jennifer Sanchez

- Budget for this year USFWS is about the same as last year
 - Burning budget has been increased and burning at Austin Bayou will continue.
- Cow Trap Lakes – plan is to build some terraces for increased habitat
- Galveston Bay Foundation may be putting in additional domes.
- Expansion of Wolfweed will create some moist soil areas.
- Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt Area was successful.
- There is a continued problem with hogs at Hudson Woods. Not sure what the plan will be to control them

New Business

AISD EE

- Greater than 600 3rd graders participated at Hudson Woods Environmental Education Program.

Friends Regional Meeting

- Participating Friends Groups – Attwater, Balcones, Mid-Coast and Trinity River
- Ed presented several topics including EE program, relationship with Master Naturalists, Birds of Prey, Grants and A Taste for Nature.
- There was a discussion about Urban Initiative and a presentation from Houston Wilderness.

Sea Turtle Patrol Coordinator

- Mickey will contact Danielle Robisheaux with the new contract and get it signed.

Cameras for EE

- Need some new cameras for EE. Denis proposed we incorporate the Jr. Naturalist cameras with the EE cameras – they are simple – then purchase new ones for Jr. Naturalist Program. Denis moved to spend \$2000.00 for 20 cameras, cards and straps. Second by Ron. Motion passed

Binoculars for EE

- David proposed we purchase 20 Binoculars for \$2000.00. Second by Ron. Motion passed. This will count as matching on Challenge Cost Share.

Old Business

Partnership Agreement

- The template for the partnership agreement is going to be changed. It is scheduled to be final in March
- We will wait until the new template comes out before we sign and implement.

Outreach

- 3/1/14 Brazoria Heritage Day
- 4/2/14 Migration Celebration Kickoff Dinner

Email Voting

- 2/19/14 Motion made by Marty to spend up to \$700.00 to purchase a PA system with wireless speakers. Second by David. Motion passed
- 2/20/14 Neal nominated Richard Schaffhausen as a member of the board. Seconded by Mickey. Motion was passed unanimously.
- 3/21/14 David made a motion to set the Migration Celebration Budget at \$35,000. Second by Mickey. Motion passed
- 4/2/14 Mickey made a motion to extend Joe Lange's contract until 7/1/14. Jeanne Manry seconded the motion. Motion passed

Future Meetings

- None scheduled

Adjourn: 2:33 PM

Friends General Meeting followed.

FOBWR FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
Updated: January 26, 2014				
ACCOUNT BALANCE				\$428,053.67
GRANT No. & Name	Grantor	Total Awarded	Amount Spent	Amount Available
Funded Grants & Allocated Funds				
20080201 Deerslayer Program	Fines	\$3,825.00	\$3,674.89	\$150.11
McGovern Brazoria Refuge Allocated	Katherine McGovern	\$72,000.00	\$30,863.73	\$41,136.27
McGovern San Bernard Refuge Allocated	Katherine McGovern	\$57,000.00	\$5,900.00	\$51,100.00
20070803 Revolving Reimbursement, Houston Endowment	Houston Endowment	n/a	n/a	\$20,000.00
20091123 Dow Woods Trail	Dow/TPWD	\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$0.00
201006623 Dow Woods Pavilion	Challenge Cost Share USFWS	\$69,525.00	\$63,729.10	\$5,795.90
20110926 Brazoria Birding Initiative	NFWF	\$4,000.00	\$3,351.71	\$648.29
20111115 Land Acquisition Discovery	Houston Endowment	\$300,000.00	\$299,891.07	\$108.93
20120810 Lanzetta Restitution for Buffalo Creek Unit	Nino Lanzetta/L.E.	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
20130409 Bastrop Bayou Crossing	USFWS	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
20130919 Trull Foundation Land Acquisition	Trull Foundation	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
20130927 Land Acquisition Discovery #2	Houston Endowment	\$300,000.00	\$75,494.90	\$224,505.10
TOTAL ALLOCATED FUNDS				\$358,444.60
**\$23,100 of the San Bernard McGovern funds has been allocated by the Board to projects that develop the Dow Woods Unit.				
Reimbursable Grants				
20110926 Brazoria Birding Initiative***; Note*	NFWF	\$5,000.00	\$3,351.71	\$1,648.29
***Received \$4,000 12-27-2011				
USFWS Discovery Center Challenge Cost Share	USFWS	\$50,000.00	\$30,738.00	\$19,262.00
NON ALLOCATED FUNDS				\$69,609.07
TOTAL OF GRANTS & FUNDS				\$428,053.67