

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2006, 2:00 pm
Bird Sanctuary Clubhouse**

Note: A written Agenda and financial report were circulated to the attendees as the meeting started.

The 3rd FOTBS Annual Meeting was called to order by President David Biegel.

The Secretary certified that a membership quorum was present. There are 125 voting members and 5%, or 7 members, would constitute a quorum. (At least) 30 FOTBS members were present and 15 additional members were represented by mail-in proxy.

David Biegel introduced the FOTBS Board of Directors.

The minutes for the previous Annual Meeting, held on October 8, 2005, were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Sheldon Fontaine, second by Fred Hennessy to approve. Motion was carried.

David Biegel discussed projects of difference magnitudes currently being considered including property maps, birding checklists, brochures, an information kiosk, and acquisition of properties and conservation easements on properties near the Bird Sanctuary.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Scott Peterson.

David Biegel and Douglas Reisner, acting as the Audit Committee, declared that the Treasurer's report accurately reflected the current FOTBS finances.

David Biegel introduced the candidates nominated by the FOTBS Board Nomination Committee for the three open Board of Director positions: Teresa Elmore (excused), Mora McCusker, and Douglas Reisner. David Biegel asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

David Biegel announced that Teresa Elmore, Mora McCusker, and Douglas Reisner were elected for three-year terms. (No vote was necessary as there were three candidates and three positions, and each received at least one proxy vote.)

Fred Strand, DNR, gave the Property Manager's report for 2006. A grouse census had been conducted in the spring and the Sharp-tailed grouse population appeared stable. Fire break maintenance in the form of brush moving and disking had been done, and 650

acres of prescribed burns had been completed to help manage the property as Pine Barrens ecosystem. A North Country Trail route through the property, including one campsite, had been completed. Preliminary discussions had been completed regarding an information kiosk for the property.

David Biegel discussed challenges for FOTBS and the Bird Sanctuary property including on-going DNR budget pressures, increased development pressure around the property, and invasive species.

Scott Peterson discussed 2006 Program Events and outlined plans for 2007 Events.

Julie Fromm discussed the Children's Nature Play Group (Kid's Club) program she initiated in 2006.

Open Discussion:

Roger Wilson expressed concern that law enforcement officials were often not available on weekends without calling 911, when calls were made regarding ATV use on the property.

There was a question as to why Dewey Road and a road off of East Flowage Lane, north of an existing off-property trail, were maintained (graded) as that seemed to attract illegal ATV use. Fred Strand explained that the Town and County roads within the Bird Sanctuary property were not controlled or managed by the DNR.

David Biegel asked if there was any other business to be brought before the membership and there was none.

Dave Biegel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Judy Aspling, second by Doug Reisner to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary