

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2005, 2:00 pm
DCWMA Clubhouse**

Note: A written Agenda, President's report, and Treasurer's report were circulated to the attendees before the meeting started.

The meeting was called to order by FOTBS President David Biegel.

The Secretary certified that a membership quorum was present. There are 98 voting members and 5%, or 5 members, would constitute a quorum. (At least) 18 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 9, 2004, were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ken Wood, second by Mora McCusker to approve. Motion was carried.

David Biegel discussed his President's report and talked about the need to protect the property from encroaching residential development.

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 two candidates nominated for the three open Board of Director positions: Julie Fromm and Jim Low. David Biegel asked for additional nominations from the floor.

NOMINATIONS: Dan Moga nominated Peter Edmunds and Susan Peterson seconded this nomination.

Doug Reisner made a motion that nominations be closed. Dan Moga seconded. Motion was carried.

David Biegel announced that Julie Fromm, Jim Low and Peter Edmunds were elected. (No vote was necessary as there were three candidates and three positions.)

Fred Strand, DNR, gave the Property Manager's report for 2005. A grouse census had been conducted in the spring. A 10-year Tri-Partnership Agreement between (among) the DNR, Douglas County, and the Friends group had been completed. The Douglas County Board approved a resolution to enter all but 43.5 acres of the 3,011 acre County-owned portion of the Bird Sanctuary property into Forest Law. This protects the property from being easily considered for use for other purposes. A portion of the North Country Trail through the Bird Sanctuary property had been completed. Two controlled burns had been completed, and one more was planned later in the fall.

Scott Peterson discussed 2005 Program Events and Jim Low discussed plans for 2006.

Open Discussion:

The Arrowhead-Weston power line and the Bird Sanctuary Estates residential development were discussed.

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 Doug Reisner, second by Jim Low to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary