

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2006, 4pm  
Solon Springs Community Center**

The meeting was called to order by President David Biegel.

Present were: David Biegel, Julie Fromm, Jim Low, Scott Peterson, and Doug Reisner

Absent were: Peter Edmunds (excused), Moira Moga (excused), and Ron Tuverson.

A Quorum was present.

The minutes for the December 9, 2005 meeting were reviewed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Julie Fromm, second by Doug Reisner to approve. Motion was carried.

A financial report was made by the Treasurer, including FOTBS expenditures since the last meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the expenditures since the last meeting be approved.

**ACTION:** Motion by Doug Reisner second by Julie Fromm to approve. Motion was carried.

The following committee reports were presented: Membership and Program. Dates for proposed 2006 FOTBS program events were discussed. It was agreed that additional events could be added, pending availability of the Clubhouse on the proposed date.

**Old Business:**

The proposed information kiosk was discussed by Dave Biegel. Plans are currently being drawn up and will be available at the next meeting

The FOTBS caps and shirts inventory was discussed. The inventory was transferred to FOTBS ownership as of January 1, 2006. It was agreed that the inventory level should be reduced, and cap and shirt prices should be lowered

It was agreed that Becky Sapper should be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss possible strategies for acquiring additional land adjacent/near the Bird Sanctuary property.

Concern was expressed about how the increasing woodiness of the property may reduce the

likelihood of long-term success of the Sharp-tail grouse population. It was noted that the planned fall managed burn did not take place. Doug Reisner mentioned that the NW Amateur Field Trial Association would move their 2006 annual field trial event to South or North Dakota.

The date of the 2006 annual meeting was moved to Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> as the Clubhouse is unavailable on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The decision as to the meeting location will either be the Clubhouse or the Solon Springs Community Center. It was agreed that the Clubhouse should be reserved for October 14<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that items (beyond caps and shirts) be collected for sale at the Laura Erickson birding presentation on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was a discussion regarding the recent resignation of Bob Dreis as a Board member and the benefit of filling this vacant position through its expiration on October 2007.

**RESOLVED** that the vacant Board position be filled by Glenn Rice who will serve the remainder of the term through October 2007, and who may seek election to a full three-year term at that time.

**ACTION:** Motion by Julie Fromm, second by Dave Biegel to approve. Motion was carried.

### **New Business**

There was a discussion regarding the need for a fund-raising effort and a membership drive. It was suggested that the Northwoods Shopper be contacted to determine the cost of including the FOTBS Membership Brochure / 2006 Program Event schedule with a March Northwoods Shopper mailing. The Board agreed to fund the membership mailing.

Jim Low discussed the 2006 Birding Christmas Count. It was agreed that he would contact Andy Paulios to obtain census materials so that FOTBS could independently conduct the count in the Solon Springs – Gordon area.

A letter from the North County Trail Association requesting joint promotion and participation in a 2006 National Trails Day event was read. The Board agreed to pursue this idea.

There was a discussion regarding project ideas for 2006 and beyond. Julie Fromm presented her ideas for a FOTBS Kids Group. The Board agreed to fund clubhouse rental, and supplies and treats for the meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Doug Reisner, second by Julie Fromm to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary