

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2007, 4pm  
Solon Springs Community Center**

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Fromm.

Present were: Lori Danz (late), Teresa Elmore, Julie Fromm, Scott Peterson, Glenn Rice, and Jane Anklam (West Wisconsin Land Trust).

Absent were: Peter Edmunds (excused), Mora McCusker (excused), Dan Moga (excused), and Doug Reisner (excused).

A Quorum was present.

Introductions were made.

The minutes for the December 8, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

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

A financial report was made by the Treasurer.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motion by Glenn Rice, second by Julie Fromm to approve. Motion was carried.

**Old Business**

The February Fun event was reviewed. Attendance was good. Event should be done annually. Lori Danz suggested that we place a thank you ad in the Northwoods Shopper to help build community goodwill. Julie agreed to do this.

There was a discussion of Board meeting dates and time. It was decided to move the meeting time back to 5:30 pm to give Directors more travel time after work. Julie suggested that the frequency of meeting be increased to perhaps every other month.

Dave Biegel has not yet been removed from the signature card for the FOTBS checking account, nor has Julie Fromm been added. This should be done as soon as possible.

Julie provided the Douglas County Forestry Committee with an informational briefing on February 26, 2007 regarding the planned information kiosk, and the Committee responded favorably. The Committee agreed that, given the kiosk location, their approval was not

necessary. Carol Johnson asked that we consult with Steve Rannenbergh to see if Zoning Department approval for the sign was necessary. Julie followed up and verified that it is not.

There was a discussion of the status of the information kiosk. FOTBS was notified by the Natural Resources Board that a grant was approved for \$1,000. The check should be available before the end of March. The North Country Trail Association grant status was not known. Glenn Rice was authorized to work with the Douglas County Forestry Department in terms of scheduling site preparation.

Julie circulated a draft listing of local youth camps. It was agreed that we should send 2007 program event schedules to each camp.

### **New Business**

There was a discussion of a fund-raising rummage sale. The idea was approved and scheduled for April 14, 2007 at the Solon Springs Community Center. Teresa and Julie would manage the sale and its publicity.

Jane Anklam led a discussion regarding the status of several adjacent properties near the northeast corner of the Bird Sanctuary, and the need to acquire properties to buffer the Bird Sanctuary from residential development. Julie agreed to follow-up with Mark Liebaert to determine if Douglas County has an interest in being involved.

The 2007 FOTBS Program Event Schedule was reviewed. Julie and Scott agreed to establish times for the events that had not yet had times assigned. It was suggested that the Wolf event be moved up one day to avoid conflict with a Lucius Woods event.

Teresa Elmore brought up a concern on behalf of horse owners and groups. Teresa felt that property horse-use policies were unclear and, in the minds of many, overly restrictive. She also felt that horse owners were getting mixed messages from the County and from the DNR property manager regarding appropriate horse-use practices on the property. Scott agreed to contact Fred Strand and Mark Schroeder and invite them to our next Board meeting to continue the discussion. Teresa agreed to contact horse owners and invite them to the meeting.

There was a discussion of membership levels and the need to keep the count of active (paid) memberships at 100 or greater on an on-going basis. The current level of active memberships is 86.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Teresa Elmore, second by Glenn Rice to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary