

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2005, 4pm
Solon Springs Community Center**

The meeting was called to order by President David Biegel.

Present were: David Biegel, Robert Dreis, Moira and Dan Moga, Scott Peterson, Doug Reisner, and Ron Tuverson.

Absent were: Julie Fromm (excused) and David Sedin (excused).

Copies of the minutes for the March 11th meeting had been circulated to the Directors for their review in advance of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ron Tuverson, 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 Ron Tuverson, second by Doug Reisner to approve. Motion was carried.

The following committee reports were presented: Membership, Archives, and Fund-raising.

Old Business:

There was a discussion of the organization's relationship with the Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society (WSGS) and the recent WSGS annual meeting held at the Bird Sanctuary.

RESOLVED that FOTBS should join the WSGS.

ACTION: Motion by David Biegel, second by Ron Tuverson to approve. Motion was carried.

The Tri-Partnership Agreement approved by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2005 was discussed. Scott reported that due to County concerns regarding potential financial liability, in the case FOTBS defaulted on construction projects, the

County Board was only willing to sign the Agreement effective through October 31, 2005. FOTBS and the County Board will have to again reach an understanding and perhaps modify the Agreement language for the County Board to sign a ten-year Tri-Partnership Agreement.

Also, on May 19, 2005 the Douglas County Board passed Resolution #48-05 entering all but about 45 acres of the 3,011 acre County-owned portion of the Bird Sanctuary property into Forest Law (Special Use status). There was a discussion about the possibility of future development on the 45 that remains unprotected.

Scott announced that an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt designation was recently approved for FOTBS. It allows dues and donations provided to the organization to be tax deductible and makes FOTBS eligible to apply for certain kinds of grants.

Dave Biegel discussed the status of the information kiosk project. There was a discussion regarding kiosk location and design.

RESOLVED that the FOTBS Board gives preliminary approval that the kiosk would be paid for the FOTBS and be sited on the clubhouse grounds using a design provided by David Biegel. The design would be shared with the DNR and the Douglas County Forestry Department and a request would be made for the necessary permits and approvals.

ACTION: Motion by Doug Reisner, second by Bob Dreis to approve. Motion was carried.

The calendar of 2005 FOTBS program events was reviewed. It was suggested that an invasive species identification and control event may be added as leafy spurge, spotted knapweed, and others may be present on the property.

The status of the Bird Sanctuary Estates real estate development and the proposed Arrowhead-Weston power line were discussed.

Dave announced that FOTBS would have a booth at Gordon Good Neighbor Days.

There was a discussion regarding the existing inventory of FOTBS-logoed caps and t-shirts, and the fact that FOTBS still owes David Biegel \$1,371.64 for financing the original purchase. On March 11, 2005 the FOTBS Board agreed that this loan should be repaid in full by the time of the 2005 FOTBS Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED that the FOTBS Treasurer make a payment to Dave Biegel of \$500.

ACTION: Motion by Doug Reisner, second by Moira Moga to approve. Motion was carried.

New Business:

Plans for the FOTBS Annual Meeting on October 8, 2005 were discussed. It was agreed that Dave & Nancy Biegel will cater the event, as they did last year. There was a discussion regarding the need for a speaker.

There was a discussion regarding the recent resignation of Jim Evrard as a Board member and the benefit of filling this vacant position through its expiration on October 2005.

RESOLVED that the vacant Board position be filled by Jim Low who will serve the remainder of the term through October 8, 2005, and who may seek election to a full three-year term at that time.

ACTION: Motion by Dave Biegel, second by Moira Moga to approve. Motion was carried.

Ron Tuverson read correspondence he had received expressing concern over the signs recently installed by the DNR that reiterated their policy that snowmobiles and ATVs cannot be used on the Bird Sanctuary property. There was a discussion and agreement that the FOTBS Board should develop a written policy expressing its position on property vehicle-use and vehicle-use enforcement.

The discussion was then tabled and the Secretary was requested to invite Fred Strand to the next meeting to discuss vehicle use, as well as the information kiosk. A FOTBS policy on property vehicle-use and vehicle-use enforcement would be discussed and approved at that time.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bob Dreis, second by Ron Tuverson to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary