

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2006, 4pm  
Solon Springs Community Center**

The meeting was called to order by President David Biegel.

Present were: David Biegel, Peter Edmunds, Julie Fromm, Jim Low, Moira and Dan Moga, Scott Peterson, Doug Reisner, Glenn Rice, and Ron Tuverson.

Absent were: None.

A Quorum was present.

The minutes for the March 11, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Doug Reisner, second by Moira Moga 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 Moira Moga second by Peter Edmunds to approve. Motion was carried.

The following committee reports were presented: Membership and Program. The number of current memberships is about 90. Julie Fromm discussed the Kid's Nature Club program events that take place on the first Thursday of each month (April through September). It was agreed Kid's Club funding support for advertising, clubhouse, and snacks were a good investment and should be continued.

Peter Edmunds discussed the recent North Country Trail event at the Bird Sanctuary and announced that the North Country Trail through the Bird Sanctuary was essentially completed. Peter briefly discussed the idea of bird houses being constructed along this trail route, after additional consultation with Fred Strand.

A program event regarding Sharp-tailed grouse was discussed.

**RESOLVED** that David Biegel should request that the Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society Board should co-host a Sharp-tailed grouse workshop with FOTBS at the Bird Sanctuary

property. Meeting date, agenda, and suggested attendee list were to be decided by David Biegel and the WSGS Board.

**ACTION:** Motion by Peter Edmunds second by Doug Reisner to approve. Motion was carried.

### **Old Business:**

The proposed information kiosk was discussed by Dave Biegel. Plans, material list, and material costs were presented.

**RESOLVED** that the Board approves the general design, materials list, and materials expense proposed by Dave Biegel. It was understood that the design and/or materials list might change pending comments by the Douglas County Forestry Department and the DNR Property Manager, Fred Strand. Peter Edmunds and Scott Peterson are to meet with Mark Schroeder requesting that an information kiosk be erected near the Clubhouse. Fred Strand is to be notified of the general design and site of the sign. Specific design details and display content are to be finalized after County and DNR approvals and additional Board discussions. While FOTBS will pay for the sign and its construction, the specific source of funding has not yet been decided.

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

Scott Peterson announced availability of FOTBS caps and shirts at Solon Springs Mercantile and said the owners were very supportive.

Fund raising ideas for 2006 were discussed. Scott Peterson mentioned that 100 memberships x \$30 average revenue would meet operating budget for the coming year. Ron Tuverson described a raffle idea being considered by the Gordon/St. Croix Flowage Association to raise funds. Dan Moga suggested that the silent auction be improved to raise more funds. It was agreed that Board members would identify silent auction items in time for photographs to be taken at the next Board meeting so that a silent auction brochure could be circulated before the next annual meeting.

Julie Fromm discussed her interest in acquisition of property adjacent to the Bird Sanctuary property to provide more area for the Sharp-tailed grouse. Julie agreed to follow up discussions with Jane Anklam (West Wisconsin Land Trust) and Mark Schroeder about the idea. It was understood that the DNR would be involved as they would need to provide property management.

### **New Business**

Dave Biegel discussed the need to finalize plans for the 2006 FOTBS Annual Meeting by the next Board meeting. Glenn Rice agreed to be responsible for a pig roast after the group talked about its success in 2005 and suggested that it be done again this year. Scott Peterson agreed to find a program event for the meeting. Dave Biegel agreed to be responsible for the food preparation. Julie Fromm and Scott Peterson will act as the Nominating Committee for the

election of three FOTBS Board members. The location of the meeting has not been decided. Both the Clubhouse and the Solon Springs Community Center have been reserved.

Dave Biegel discussed FOTBS participation in the Gordon Good Neighbor Days in the form of a booth. It was agreed to set-up a booth in cooperation with the Gordon/St. Croix Flowage Association and the Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters, as was done last year.

Scott Peterson reported recent incidents regarding ATV use on the property and destruction of signage prohibiting ATV use.

Dave Biegel reported a local resident's concern about springtime controlled burns on the Bird Sanctuary property. The resident felt the burns killed or disrupted ground-nesting birds.

Moira Moga discussed her wish to resign her Board position and asked that Dan Moga complete her term.

**RESOLVED** that Moira Moga's resignation be accepted and that Dan Moga be appointed to complete her term.

**ACTION:** Motion by David Biegel second by Scott Peterson to approve. Motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Doug Reisner, second by Dan Moga to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary