

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2006, 4pm
Solon Springs Community Center**

The meeting was called to order by President David Biegel.

Present were: David Biegel, Julie Fromm, Jim Low, Dan Moga, Scott Peterson, and Glenn Rice.

Absent were: Peter Edmunds, Doug Reisner (excused), and Ron Tuverson.

A Quorum was present.

The minutes for the June 9, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Dan Moga, second by Julie Fromm 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 Julie Fromm second by Dan Moga to approve. Motion was carried.

The following committee reports were presented: Membership, Program, and Nomination. 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 and said they would be extended to October. The recent Sharp-tailed Grouse workshop event was reviewed.

Note: Doug Reisner indicated his interest in running for Board re-election at the June 9th Board meeting, and since that meeting Ron Tuverson indicated that he would not run for re-election.

Dave Biegel announced that he would not run for re-election as a Board member. Julie Fromm said that Mora McCusker and Teresa Elmore had both indicated possible interest. Jim Low mentioned that Lori Danz had expressed interest. Julie Fromm agreed to follow-up and find two Board candidates. The Nomination Committee recommendation would be mailed to members in time for them to return a proxy vote, if they desired.

Old Business:

The proposed information kiosk was discussed by Dave Biegel. It was agreed that Scott Peterson would follow-up with Mark Schroeder, Douglas County Forestry, to get an estimate for preparation of the proposed information kiosk site on Bird Road (north side, just east of the Puppy Course sign). Dave will mention the kiosk project at the Annual Meeting.

Dave Biegel discussed the need to finalize plans for the 2006 FOTBS Annual Meeting. He agreed to handle the food preparation other than the pig roast and suggested a menu. Scott Peterson agreed to contact Lake Superior Zoo to determine if the zoo mobile was available for a program event. It was agreed that the location of the 2006 Annual Meeting was to be at the Bird Sanctuary Clubhouse. The schedule is: Program at 11:00 am, Social Time at noon, Pig Roast and Silent Auction from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, Business Meeting at 2:00 pm, and the Board re-organizational meeting will follow the Business Meeting. If a program event cannot be scheduled, the activities will start at noon. Scott Peterson agreed to place two ads in the Northwoods Shopper, update the FOTBS website, and send out a mailing to members. It was agreed that the Directors would gather at the Clubhouse at 9 am on October 14th to prepare the room at the east end for the Silent Auction, and complete any other necessary preparations.

New Business

The new Upper St. Croix Watershed Alliance was introduced by Scott Peterson. The Bird Sanctuary property lies within this watershed area. Alliance activities were discussed.

RESOLVED that Friends of the Bird Sanctuary should become a stakeholder in the Upper St. Croix Watershed Alliance.

ACTION: Motion by Jim Low second by Glenn Rice to approve. Motion was carried.

There was a discussion of the need to develop a 2007 Program Event calendar no later than November 30, 2006 so that advance Clubhouse reservations can be made. There was agreement that there would be an event planning meeting by the end of October, and a second meeting by Thanksgiving.

Jim Low discussed the Christmas Bird count and suggested Saturday, December 16th. He agreed to contact Andy Paulios, the state-wide coordinator

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dan Moga, second by Glenn Rice to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Submitted by: Scott Peterson, Secretary