

## FRIENDS OF TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX

October 14, 2023 Draft Annual Meeting Minutes

- 1. President Cheryl Hart called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed a continental breakfast and had an opportunity to observe the annular solar eclipse in spite of heavy cloud cover and fog.
- 2. Acting Secretary Sharon Miller read the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Motion to approve the 2022 Meeting Minutes: 1.Willem Stoeller 2. Alan Christensen The motion was passed.

- President's Report -- Hart provided highlights of Friends' activities and projects during the past year and advocacy for both local and national issues that impact the Refuge.
- 4. Refuge Complex Report -- USFWS Project Leader Rebecca Chuck provided an update on the Refuge projects over the past year and plans for the future.
- 5. Executive Director's Report ED Bonnie Anderson shared information about the Friends' work as a community partner, especially that in support of Refuge programs.

6. Hart announced that three directors whose current terms were expiring, were standing for re-election to the Board.

## Motion to elect Alan Christensen, Tom Hartz and Phyllis Millan to additional three-year terms.

1.Virginia Parks 2. Dawn Carovano The motion was passed.

7. Director Willem Stoeller announced that Laura Hartt and Izzy Sigrist were seeking election to the Board of Directors. Both introduced themselves and provided information about their backgrounds and interest in serving.

Motion to elect Laura Hartt and Izzy Sigrist to the Board. 1.Phyllis Millan 2. Tom Hartz The motion was passed.

- 8. The President's Volunteer Service Awards for 2023 were awarded to:
  - Michael Boreing
  - Alan Ma
  - Phyllis Millan
  - John Purcell
- 9. The business meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am. Following the meeting, members were invited to walk at the Heritage Pine, paddle on the Tualatin River or join a restoration work party/plant walk.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Miller, Acting Board Secretary.