



## FRIENDS OF TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX

### June 7, 2023 Minutes Email Vote

On June 7, 2023 Michael Boreing made the following motion:

I move that the board reallocate the \$5000 in discretionary seed money originally allocated to the Bird Festival over to the Brews for the Birds account as seed money for that inaugural event coming up on August 5 and 6, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Tom Stibolt.

Voting concluded at 7:30am on June 9 and the motion passed.

### June 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Michael Boreing, Dawn Carovano, Cheryl Hart, Phyllis Millan, Sharon Miller, Tom Stibolt, Willem Stoeller, Irene Vlach.

Staff: Bonnie Anderson, Rebecca Chuck, Curt MyKut, Bella Padgett.

Guest: Jane Vankuren (Sherwood Rotary Club).

#### **I. Quorum**

We have a quorum (6 directors required).

**II. Excused Absences:** Alan Christensen, Tom Hartz, Keith Mays.

**III. Call to Order (2:00pm)**

**IV. Welcome and Introductions**

**V. Kudos and Mission Moments**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Standing Committee Reports:
  - Financial Reports
  - Membership Report
  - Planning Committee Report
  - Store Report
2. Draft Minutes of the meeting of 5-23-23
3. ED Report

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the Reports:

1. Phyllis
2. Tom S.

Passed.

## **Reports**

1. President – Cheryl Hart
  - The Annual Meeting will be held on October 14 (in the morning).
  - Cheryl proposed that we adopt a Pride version of our logo and circulated a couple of draft options for such a logo with the birds on the logo painted in rainbow colors. She emphasized that the use of this logo would be optional. One version of the Pride logo showed the lettering of the organization’s name also in rainbow colors.

Motion to adopt a special Pride logo:

1. Chery
2. Tom

Passed.

Motion to adopt the version with both the birds and the lettering in rainbow colors:

1. Michael
2. Tom

Passed.

The draft will be amended to enhance the coloring of the letters.

- Cheryl reminded the Directors to be kind with fellow board members when communicating by email.
2. Executive Director – Bonnie Anderson
    - Brews for the Birds will take place August 5-6. Bonnie asked the Directors to share social media posts about the event and reminded us that we need sponsors.
    - On July 13 the Board and the staff (of USFWS and of the Friends) are invited to visit the museum at Grande Ronde. The tour can accommodate 20 people and will depart Tualatin River NWR at 8:30am.

- July 15 is Sherwood's Robinhood Festival: Bonnie is looking for volunteers to march in the parade.
- The Friends are sponsoring the August 19 Wapato Showdown.

3. Refuge Manager - Rebecca:

- The August 19 Wapato Showdown is not confirmed.
- Quarry: no news. We are waiting for the judge to review the objections submitted by the USFWS solicitor.
- Let Rebecca know if you are interested in visiting the Grande Ronde Museum on July 13.
- The Friends Board members are invited on a field trip to Nestucca Bay NWR on July 27. We will leave TRNWR at 9am and return at 5pm. Let Rebecca know you are planning on going.

4. Refuge Biologist - Curt Mykut

Curt is working on a plan to rehabilitate the levy at Wapato Lake NWR. This will be a 2-year project with on-the ground work not starting before 2025. At this point there is a substantial short-fall in the needed funding, without which construction will not start.

5. Habitat Restoration Specialist - Bella

Bella introduced herself to the Board. She will start working full-time with us in August. She is a biologist is being on-boarded by Curt.

## Old Business

1. Columbia Land Trust Update / King City: Tom S.

King City held a meeting on the proposed King City Kingston Terrace Transportation System Plan and Master Plan on June 21. A vast majority of the public testified in opposition to the preferred alternative. A local resident opposed to the project hired an attorney and the issue will probably be litigated.

2. Beer Festival: Bonnie

The Board held a special meeting prior to the Board meeting to discuss planning for the Beer Festival

3. Protocol email voting - Sharon

See protocol on the Board Only tab on the Friends' website:

<https://www.friendsoftualatinrefuge.org/resources/Documents/Board%20Docs/Board%20Only/Current/Email%20Voting.pdf>

If any questions arise during the discussion, the person who made the motion is responsible for

responding. Votes can be changed until closure of the voting period. The President notifies the Secretary of the outcome of the vote. The email vote is recorded in the minutes of the first Board meeting after the vote.

### **New Business**

1. Use of LinkedIn as recruiting tool -Willem

Willem showed us how he would find, and contact on LinkedIn people who expressed an interest in conservation on their profile.

2. Approval of Updated Responsibility of Board Members Policy: Willem

The new format lays out how Board members get support for their responsibilities.

Motion to approve the updated Policy with the amendment to extend the mentoring period to one year:

1. Willem
2. Tom S

Passed.

3. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Phyllis

Phyllis gave a quick verbal report.

4. Budget items - Cheryl

What will be the financial needs of your committee during the next fiscal year? Dawn will send an email outlining the budgeting process and the associated deadlines.

### **Announcements**

Jane talked about the impact of our partnership on the Rotary Club. They are excited by the Second Saturday work parties: they will both recruit people for the parties and advertise them. They also are enthusiastic about the upcoming August Beer Fest. They will advertise the event on their materials. Karen and Jane will both volunteer during the Festival and Jane will recommend potential sponsors.

### **Adjourn\_(3:32)**

Motion to adjourn:

1. Tom S.