



## **FRIENDS OF TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX**

September 26, 2023 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Dawn Carovano, Alan Christensen, Cheryl Hart, Tom Hartz, Phyllis Millan, Sharon Miller, Tom Stibolt (via phone),

Staff: Bonnie Anderson, Rebecca Chuck, Todd McKinney, Bella Padgett.

Guest: Karen Strickland (Sherwood Rotary).

### **I. Quorum.**

We have a quorum (5 directors required).

**II. Excused Absences:** Michael Boreing, Keith Mays, Willem Stoeller

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

### **IV. Welcome and Introductions**

### **V. Kudos and Mission Moments**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Phyllis requested time on the agenda to review some membership issues.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Standing Committee Reports:
  - Financial Reports
  - Membership Report.
  - Store Report
2. Draft Minutes of the meeting of 8-22-23

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the Reports:

1. Tom H.
2. Phyllis

Motion passed

**Reports**

1. President – Cheryl Hart

- Irene Vlach resigned from the Board effective 9-24-23.
- Michael Boreing announced earlier that he would be leaving the Board after the Annual Meeting. Sharon Miller’s term ends this month and she chose not to stand for re-election to the Board.
- A walk on the Refuge with some congressional staffers will occur on Oct. 17. Members are invited to participate.

2. Executive Director – Bonnie Anderson

- Working on the Annual Report and plans for the Annual Meeting.
- Working on her self-assessment and goals for next year.
- Will be tabling with others at the el Tigre festival in Tigard on Oct. 7.
- Will be attending the CTGR Cultural Summit Oct. 4-5.

3. Refuge Manager - Rebecca:

- Planning for a possible government shutdown at the end of September. More information will be available as plans are finalized.
- Judge has upheld the plan to move ahead with the Tonquin Quarry. It’s unknown if there will be additional opportunities to appeal.

- Hispanic Heritage Day is scheduled for Sept. 30. Board members are encouraged to attend as “friendlies” to engage with attendees.
- Rebecca provided more information about the decision to not have a Bird Festival in 2024. There are capacity issues and an effort to broaden the outreach to underserved communities.

#### 4. Todd McKinney

- A number of field trips are being scheduled this fall.
- Creatures of the Night will be Oct. 28, 4:30 – 7:30 pm.
- Seasonal trails will close on Sept. 30.
- Internet access is improving for the VC and Bonnie’s office, but there are issues remaining with the store because of interface with the point-of-sale system.
- Touchscreen TV for visitor information should be available in the VC within the next few months.
- The prescribed fire on the Refuge went well.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Memberships

Phyllis shared some data about membership and numbers of members at each level, and asked that members think about how to grow membership. There will be a “brown bag” session soon to discuss.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Budget for FY 23-24

Dawn presented the budget and responded to questions.

Motion to approve the budget for FY 23-24

#### 1. Alan

2. Tom H.  
Motion Passed

### **Announcements**

Cheryl announced that there will be a doodle poll to search for a day and time for future Board meetings. With improvements to internet access in the Riparian Room, it may be possible to do hybrid meetings.

### **Adjourn\_(3:15 pm)**

Motion to adjourn:

1. Tom S.

The regular meeting was followed by a closed Executive Session.