

Friends Boyer Chute and DeSoto NWR, Inc
Executive Board Meeting
7:00 PM CDT
August 13, 2007
Boyer Chute NWR

Members Present:

Jerry Grove	Sandy Grove	Don Anderson	Sue McDonald
Everett Kapfer	Larry Klimek	Nan Costanzo	Steve Tyler

Jerry Grove, President called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Everett moved the July minutes be approved as written. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Friends Checking as of 7/09/07	\$ 13,215.47
Boyer Chute NRCS Funds	\$ 1,438.21
Eagle Emporium Checking 7/30/07	\$18,326.97
Badger Burrow Checking	Closed
CD's Washington County Bank	\$25,000

Committee Reports:

Nominations: Steve will be sending a letter to members to see if there is interest in being on the board.

Communications-

Newsletter-Need articles. Sandy reported the next newsletter will go out in September. Her deadline for articles will be August 15th. She asked for a Refuge Staff profile.

Website: Everett suggested we put the minutes of the board meeting on the website. Everyone thought that would be a good idea. Jerry will send Bob Barry a note to get rid of the old website.

Membership – Jerry reported that we have two new members Kathy & Dale Thornton and Kathy & Jim Morley. Jerry put the expiration date on each member's post card for the annual meeting. That has generated several renewals.

Refuge Activities & Volunteer-

DeSoto – August 18th is the night fishing at DeSoto. Steve and Cleveland will be there from 8 to midnight. They will pass out Friends brochures. The Refuge Staff will have a booth at Bass Pro on Saturday and Sunday for the Fall Classic.

The bike trail portion along the river is complete. Let Larry know if there are any projects Friends would like to see for the next year.

Boyer – There will be a muzzle loader hunt at Boyer December 14 & 15 for white tail deer.

Sue reported on National Wildlife Refuge week in October. She would like to have a volunteer appreciation dinner. It will be October 8th, the same night as our board meeting. National Public Lands day – Boys and Girls Town will come out to the refuge to do seed picking and trash pick up on September 29. Sandy made a motion that we give DeSoto a \$100 to buy water and granola bars for the volunteers. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Sue will be going to a Teaching the Teacher class in September at NCTC. There will be two volunteers (Chuck & Betty Mulcahy) coming in mid September and staying through mid November. They will be staying on the Refuge.

Bookstores- Discussion was held on the price of bottled water being sold at the Eagle Emporium.

Old Business-

Sandy had 1200 brochures printed at a cost of \$150.00

New Business-

Don presented the design of the banner to the board. It would be 16 inches wide x 6 feet long. The wording should be "owned and operated by Friends of Boyer Chute & DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge" "a non-profit organization."

Larry made a request for \$250 to maintain Ahrensen prairie to not hay his prairie. That would give the refuges the ability to use the seed. Sandy moved we approve this request. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Trying to find a temporary museum tech for the metals project. Jennifer suggested that an add be put into a professional journal to advertise for this position. It would cost about \$50. Steve moved we approve this request. Seconded by Sandy.

Steve moved we give \$75 in merchandise from the Eagle Emporium to the silent auction of the Ducks Unlimited banquet. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Steve moved we give \$100 to the Fort Calhoun volunteer Fire Department for the support they give to us for the Bike to Boyer event. Everett seconded. Motion carried.

Steve moved we do a luncheon for the staff at both Refuges. Wednesday, October 10th will be the date. An invitation will go out for the luncheon. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about environmental education. Steve is working with Edison School in Omaha and there may be a need to supplement the bussing to the Refuge. Sue and Steve will be talking more about this.

Sandy requested volunteers for inventory on October 1st. The store will be closed during inventory.

Steve would like to have budgets for Refugefest and Bike to Boyer to submit early to American Family.

The petty cash fund is down to about \$2.00. It needs to be refurbished. Don will put \$200 cash from the store receipts on Wednesday. Then a check will be cut from Friends to Eagle Emporium.

Sandy moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Grove

The next meeting will be Monday September 10th at 7:00pm at Boyer NWR.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Grove
Secretary