

Friends of Boyer Chute and DeSoto NWR Inc.

Executive Board Meeting
7:00 PM CDT
August 4, 2010
DeSoto Bend NWR
Draft

Members Present:

Todd Wick Larry Jensen
Ken Block Debbie Hunsberger
Lori Amberg Steve Tyler
Mark Gutschow

President Todd Wick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of July Minutes. Minutes for July approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report

Report Period: 6/15/2010 to 7/14/2010
Beginning Balance: \$33,528.92
Additions: \$440.00
Debits: \$2,129.72
Ending Balance: \$31,839.20
CD: \$27,432.00
Grand Total: \$59,271.20

CD's and Funds/Budget. Larry put \$15,000 from the general fund into 7 month CD's of \$5,000 each.

The funding Ken requested from the Friends for refreshments during law enforcement training for Washington County officials wasn't needed. The training session did not take place.

Washington County Historical Society asked to borrow our cash box. We agreed to that, and also offered them our tents if needed.

Eagle Emporium Book Store:

Transaction period: 7/1/2010 – 7/31/2010
Total Sales: \$5,611.52
Total Expenses: -\$3,550.19
Net: \$2,061.33

Committee Reports:

Membership:

No additions to membership list.

Communications:

It will soon be time for another Newsletter. Suggestions for content included:

- A report on B2B by Lori
- Mindy could do a report on RefugeFest
- Ashley's report to the Fish and Wildlife Service on the Blair Schools Cooperation
- News about the Bertrand by Dean. Ken will check with him about a possible article about a particular artifact
- Barb could write something about Art of the Wild, and also a report about what is selling really well in the Eagle Emporium book store
- Tom or Ken could write something about water levels on the refuges
- Mike could write about his horrific experience with fire

RAVO (Refuge Activities & Volunteer Opportunities)

Boyer Chute and DeSoto

The date for seed collection has been set – September 25th. We can maybe get more people from other organizations to help also, scout troops. Boys Town residents will help again this year. We could provide lunch and a program and make it a volunteer recruiting event. (Do we still have food left over after the annual meeting?)

Eagle Day

No additional news.

Visitors Survey

(Repeat from last month's minutes) Ken explained the Visitors' Survey. This will take place during the last two weeks of October. We can help by being survey takers who approach visitors and tell them about the survey. They can then get it on line at home and fill it out. This needs to be done at random sites and at different times – some weekends, some weekdays etc.

Bike to Boyer

Lori mentioned that T-shirt costs have gone through the roof. This would be a good time to pre-order for next year.

We need to talk with Tom about Bike to Boyer. One change we could make would be to add a refuge-related program for families after the Family Fun Ride. Ashley could do a junior refuge project at B2B.

Eagle Cam.

No additional news.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants

No news.

DeSoto/Boyer Report

Other refuge activities ongoing:

Ken reported that work will be starting next week on the Comprehensive Conservation Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Agenda:

Presentations by Tom Cox and Ashley Berkler and short presentations about some of our projects by the Board members involved.

Board Elections:

Tabled. Your secretary will provide information at the September meeting.

New Brochure:

Tabled

Possible Events for Next Year:

Tabled

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st at 7 p.m. either at Boyer or at DeSoto depending on water levels.