

# Friends of Boyer Chute and DeSoto NWR Inc.

Executive Board Meeting  
7:00 PM CDT

Date: November 9th,

Location: DeSoto

Call the meeting to order.

X	Todd Wick	X	Ken Block		Chad Brodersen	X	Mark Martens
	Mark Gutschow	X	Larry Jensen	X	Debbie Hunsberger		Reg Boyer
X	Steve Tyler	X	Tom Cox				

October Minutes approved Minutes updated

Updates: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dean introduced Brittany Deeds to the Friends Group. She is from Indiana. She was an intern at the Danish Historical Society prior to coming to helping with the Bertrand. This summer, she helped with the saving the Bertrand Artifacts. She also volunteered at the refuge prior to the flooding. She has been working with Dean for the past two weeks. They are starting with the books and then move onto the textiles. She will be working with the inventory and cataloging it through April.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Larry

Ending balance Checking \$28,410.69

Total CD's \$42, 877.16

Comments:

Eagle Emporium balance \$10,420. We need to talk about what we want to keep in the Eagle Emporium balance for the upcoming year.

**Eagle Emporium Book Store:**

Comments: Tom said that he would like to move the Eagle Emporium inventory back over to the visitor's center within the next month or so.

**Committee Reports:**

**Grants:**

**Membership:** Todd will check to see if Mark sends out small renewal forms to members when their membership runs out. Do renewal at meeting. Mark can do pitch at the meeting as well. Invite Dr. Stavem to the annual meeting.

## Communications:

### Refuge update

Most ducks on refuge since 2001. Today 38,000 ducks as of today. (Mallards, Pintails, White Fronts)

### Annual Meeting:

Finalize agenda for Annual Meeting

Board members bring deserts

Fish Chowder, Brats Hot Dogs, Turkey Soup

Beverages (5-6 cases of water and some pop)

Ice

Plates

Forks/spoons/knives/napkins

Membership drive

Tom talks about refuge's future

Dean talk about the Bertrand Exhibit

Send out email/invitations

**\*\*Mark needs to bring a desert and make sure there is a screen available**

**Use ice from high school icemaker**

**Steven wants to get into the high school for setting up by 11.30.**

**\*\*Todd needs to bring coolers for pop and water. Extension Cords**

**Also, make a sign in sheet with name, email, and phone number, address,**

### New Business:

#### Board Elections

Next year's mission needs to be membership drive to get numbers up

Connecting to the community

\$20 gets you a steak and membership to the Friends Group

Tied in the fund raiser of auctions

Services of an artist

Rights to hunting on some ones land

Artwork

Wine

Guided Bird Walks

Guided Turkey Hunts

High School or Jr. memberships

Look at other groups that have common interests

Ducks Unlimited

Pheasants Forever

Lions Clubs

Meeting adjourned at 8:21

Next meeting scheduled for December 7th, 2011, 7:00 – at DeSoto