

Board Meeting Notes

Friends of Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge

Mile 6, Maui Veterans Hwy, Kihei, Hi. 96753

Date: Oct. 1, 2019

Time: 11:34 pm

Location: Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Visitor Center

Board Members Present: Barry Solomon, Gloria Snyder, Skip Snyder, Bruce Butler, Lourdes Venard, Joe Dratz, Heather Wade. Courtney Brown and Bret Wolfe acting refuge manager were in attendance.

Minutes from 8-14-2019 meeting approved and accepted. Bruce 1st Lourdes 2nd.

Actions:

1. Treasurers report: Barry Solomon submitted a 3rd quarter financial report. Approximately \$1000 reimbursement for Alaska expenses will bring our Friends account up to about \$8000. Our finances are stable. The store is a little slow this quarter but steady, doing fine. Membership has increased significantly in the past year. We currently have 51 Friends, ~44 of whom live on Maui the majority of the time. We are using Square and PayPal with Square doing most of the exchanges and Friends membership contributions are slightly lower as Square and PayPal charge for service. Report approved.
2. National Wildlife Refuge week, Oct 15 – 19: Schedule will be posted on email (completed at this writing) Assistance from photographers and event participation will be appreciated. Saturday the 19th could use some Board member participation and coverage. See event email notice. Brief discussion about the status of the Ungulate perimeter fence. Function trumps aesthetics.
3. November Friends Membership Meeting: Membership email list is on Google drive. Barry will keep the list updated. Heather provided a link via email. Barry suggests Secretary send reminders be sent a week or two before the event. Refreshments can be provided, depending on the number of attendees. We will encourage guests to attend with members and encourage guests to consider joining the Friends of Kealia. Possible speaker, presentations, and slide show discussed. Will be finalized before the event. Will use email communications to complete planning for the meeting.
4. Homer Alaska trip: Summary report was distributed. Many different refuges attended. Some in early stages of development, some very large and advanced. Very informative. Our poster will be emailed for Board members to view. General discussion of possible actions board members and friends could participate in, including political posture, affiliations, presentations and public outreach.
5. Decision to develop business cards for Board members. Generic design with no names of members. Write on the back. Use our Stilt Logo. Joe Dratz made a motion appropriating \$75 to purchase business cards once the design is agreed upon. Gloria Snyder 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Butler, Board Secretary