

First Annual Board Meeting Notes
Friends of Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge
Mile 6, Maui Veterans Hwy, Kihei, Hi. 96753

Date: November 7, 2019

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Visitor Center

Board Members Present: Gloria Snyder, Skip Snyder, Bruce Butler, Lourdes Venard, Joe Dratz, Heather Wade. Courtney Brown and Bret Wolfe acting refuge manager were in attendance. Invited Members of the Friends of Kealia NWR were present.

No Minutes to report as this is the first annual meeting to date.

Actions:

Introduction of Board members

Brief update of financial status of the Friends of Kealia and the Kealia visitors store by Skip Snyder.

President Skip Snyder described some of the current and historic functions of the Friends of Kealia.

Maui Kealia Friends began in 2014 as a 501c non-profit organization. Membership is currently at an all-time high of 52 members.

Joe Dratz presided over a power point slide presentation of Friends and volunteer activities completing the discussion started by president Skip Snyder.

Digital apps for iBird and iNaturalist were discussed and recommended.

During the previous presentations, questions were raised about our "Wish List" for donations which is linked on our web page.

In summary Kealia Friends and Volunteers are hoping for;

Water bottles, 2-gallon volume, for slow trickle watering of newly planted indigenous plants.

Picnic tables, at least 3, to be constructed or donated for working outdoors in the shade on.

Projects

Discussion of Photo contest and advertising resulted in motion to provide \$300 for this project expenses.

Motion, Joe Dratz, second Bruce Butler, adopted unanimously.

Skip Snyder mentioned that the board of directors will be seeking additional members up to a maximum of 9 members including officers and directors. Marily Wright volunteered for a position with a voice of approval from the members present.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Butler, Board Secretary

