



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

Agenda

February 2, 2021

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:10 Vote on meeting minutes for October, November, December 2020, January 2021
- 5:20 Treasurer's Report for January's Financials
- 5:30 Falmouth Land Trust Statement-Vote on contribution for Ad in Enterprise?
- 5:40 Review Friends Financial background, QUESTIONS?
- 5:55 Updates?
- 6:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

Approved March 2, 2021
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order 4:08 PM

Board Members Attending: MaryKay Fox, Tom Fudala, Glenn Davis

Others in Attendance: Tom Eagle (F&WS)

Meeting Minutes: October 6, November 10, December 8, 2020 and January 5, 2021 minutes were all approved 3-0. All will be sent to Tom F for formal correction and mailed out with "approved" added.

Treasurer's Report for January's Financials: MaryKay had emailed her January Treasurer's Report. She noted that she closed out the Grant Account and transferred the remaining \$509.87 to the Checking Account and that the Endowment Account stood at \$20,344.14. Other January income included 22 cents of interest and donations of \$1,955.37 (\$1,270.00 on PayPal). Expenses were \$62.99. She stated that Palmer Award winners are Lifetime Members. She has purchased 2 years of Blue Host for hosting our web site from 2/14/21 to 2/14/23, as voted at the January 5 meeting. She is working on our taxes, using a free service to file, but needs the February 15 Fidelity statement.

Review of Friends Financial Background: MaryKay showed the Fiduciary Structure document and explained it. The Endowment Account had been with Merrill Lynch from its creation (Tom F suspected that was because it was where David Palmer worked), but they had been charging a 3% annual fee. Because of the high fees it was moved in 2014 to Fidelity at a lower fee. It is a 60/40 stock/bond mix. Noted that our official street address is 131 East Falmouth Highway (WBNERR old gate house). The Falmouth Rod & Gun Club has been giving us \$1000 a year since 2017. MaryKay showed the spreadsheet she uses to do reports and tax forms.

Falmouth Land Trust Statement – Vote on contribution for Ad in Enterprise?

This is a diversity and inclusivity statement from land conservation groups, led by the Falmouth 300 Committee, to be run as an ad in the Falmouth Enterprise. Hope to go Cape-wide eventually. The Board voted 3-0 to support the ad. Cost approximately \$100 per organization (Falmouth ConCom, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Orenda, Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuary, Inc., Oyster Pond Environmental Trust, The 300 Land Trust, Friends of MNWR).

Updates: Tom Eagle noted that Chuckie Green has retired from his job with the Tribe to take care of his mother. He also noted that the Friends of Assabet Gift Shop / Visitor Center is closed and that they are looking at starting an on-line gift shop. He thinks it might make sense to have all the Eastern Mass. Complex Friends on the same shop. Monomoy visitors center is closed too. A lady named Paula Goodwin is the President of the Friends of Assabet.

The Board decided to put an item on the next agenda to set a Budget, utilizing the excel spreadsheet distributed by MK by email. There are several years' worth of budging items and associated costs to go by.

Adjourn:

There being no other business, the Board voted to adjourn at 5:53 pm.