

**Friends of the Refuge Headwaters  
Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2009**

In attendance: John Carrier, Bev Spande, Ed Hellmueller, Desiree Laitinen, Todd Paddock, Harold Ornes, Eric Nelson

Refuge attendance: Mary Stefanski, District Manager

The meeting was started at 5:40 p.m. at the Winona levee aboard a house boat owned by Tom ? .

The **minutes** of the May meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was not available.

The members in attendance convened as the judges for the Friends **logo contest**. Three children totaling 6 entries were received for the 12 and under division; one entry was received for the 13-17 division; and one entrant with three entries was submitted for the 18 and above division. One winner from each division was chosen and then an overall winner was chosen. Emma McCurdy, Tremepealeau, WI, won the 12 and under division; Rebekah Kreger won the 13-17 division; and Michelle Dunkin won the 18 and above division. The overall winner was Michelle Dunkin. Michelle's logo will become the official logo of the Friends of the Refuge Headwaters and Michelle will receive \$100 for her winning entry. A news release will be issued announcing the winner and all entries will go on display at the refuge office.

The winning entry is:



The proposed **membership dues** from the last meeting were discussed and a motion was made by Todd Paddock to accept the structure. Eric Nelson seconded the motion and all approved. The membership structure will be:

Blandings Turtle (Student/Senior)	\$10
Blue Heron (Individual)	\$20
American Egret (Family)	\$35
Tundra Swan (Group)	\$100
Bald Eagle (Life)	\$500
Pelican (Donation)	\$_____

The recommended membership structure required a change to Article III of the By-Laws. This change was made prior to the meeting and reviewed by those in attendance. Harold Ornes made a motion to accept the changes, seconded by Todd Paddock, unanimously approved.

Following the May meeting, the \$105.00 fee was submitted to the Minnesota Secretary of State to reserve the name Friends of the Refuge Headwaters and incorporate in the state. Both documents have been received and will be kept at the refuge office. John Carrier contacted the IRS and received the Friends Federal Employer Identification Number. The next step will be to complete the forms necessary to obtain the federal 501(c)3 (tax exempt) status.

A check for \$100.00 and a membership form were also sent to the Friends of the Upper Mississippi River Refuges to become an **affiliate member**. No return documentation has been received.

Upcoming events that **volunteers are needed** for on the refuge include: fishing with Project COMPASS on Tuesday, June 30, Thursday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 26. All dates are held at Lake Winona, include a limited number of participants (between 20-25) and are held from 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

The refuge will have a float in the Steamboat Days parade on Sunday, June 21. Please contact Mary at the refuge if you can help with fishing or the parade.

There was discussion about conducting a river cleanup on one of the pools within the Winona District. Eric and John will contact Mississippi River Revival to see if a joint cleanup could be held on Pool 6.

Nominations were received for **board members** which included: Judy Inman, Harold Ornes, John Carrier, Todd Paddock, Bev Spande and Steve Nagel. A motion for unanimous ballot was made and passed.

Nominations were accepted for officers and terms of appointments were set. Only one nomination was made for each of four officer seats; President, John Carrier, 1 year term; Vice President, Beverly Spande, 2 year term; Treasurer, Todd Paddock, 3 year term;

Secretary, Harold Ornes, 1 year term. All nominations were passed by unanimous consent.

Membership dues were collected during the evening and will be considered Charter members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and followed by a boat ride on Pool 6.

The next meeting will be *Wednesday, July 8, at the refuge office, 51 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 203 beginning at 7:00 p.m.*

**Friends of the Refuge Headwaters  
DRAFT Meeting Agenda  
July 8, 2009**

1. Introductions/welcome
2. Approve June meeting minutes
3. Treasurers Report
4. Approval of business cards/letterhead/t-shirts
5. Approval of reimbursement for food/refreshments on boat
6. Discuss length of acceptance of memberships to qualify for Charter status
7. Discuss meeting with Michelle Dunkin and press release
8. Discuss Pool 6 clean-up
9. Discuss fishing line recycling program
10. Refuge request to help locate land