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General Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM, 2/6/22

Overview: Yvonne thanked everyone for attending. She thanked Ray and Tania for hosting the zoom meeting.

SWNR Introduction and Comments: Nancy Spencer-Morris, Refuge Biologist

Nancy provided a range of observations, suggestions, and recommendations. These will be summarized separately.

YIPS: Yvonne thanked Nancy and the Board Members for their continued contribution. She noted that 2021 had been a difficult year with health issues and presence of Covid 19. She thanked Ray, Frances, Debbie, Bobbie, Becky, Mike, Frances and Debbie for their continued efforts with stewardship and fund raising.

NIPS: Nips go out to the ongoing drought and the impact it is having on all wild animals.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 meeting

The minutes were approved as issued.

3. Old + New Business (2021 accomplishments/2022 plans)

President: (Y. Boudreaux): Yvonne announced that the board was re-elected by acclaim for a 2 year period.

Treasurer: (R. Watt): Despite increased cost and demand for supplemental feeding PDP was able to finish out 2021 slightly in the black. Unanticipated food and supplies costs were offset by income from contracts for the City, APS, and private contractors.

Fundraising:

- Garage Sale: There was no garage sale in 2021 due to covid concerns. We are planning to have a garage sale in the near future but are not soliciting donation until we've cleared some of our on-hand inventory.
- Calendars and Christmas Cards: Cancelled for 2021 due to personal issues maybe 2022.
- Kennel Sales: If anyone needs a small animal kennel, we can make you an attractive deal.
- Other: Frances is investigating an alternative source of fund raising.
- Jim T hosted a "go fund me" on Giving Day, 11/30/21, and raised \$390.00.

Site stewardship: (E. Urbanski)

COSTCO + Whole Foods + Pueblo Market: We get "free" produce from Costco and Whole Foods. While we pay full price Pueblo Market the produce costs are low as they supply many stores in the metropolitan area.

Feeding Locations: PDP is currently providing supplemental food at the freeway on ramps and off ramps, Los Colinas, and Sandia Vista. There were also a few other areas. As Los Colinas becomes a priority site, efforts should be made to remove the prairie dogs before breeding.

The feeding stipend was approved by the board.

Reliable folks are needed. Yvonne is investigating volunteer sources.

CJ has investigated alternative sources of feed and reported accordingly.

Outreach and Education: (J. Trever)

Need volunteers for Tabling & Event Sponsorship

Intergroup Coordination: (Open). Yvonne has signed PDP up with CABQ Volunteers network and will investigate volunteer opportunities with the Journal. PDP will investigate partnering with the Amigos de Sevilleta.

Media and Art: (E. Urbanski)

Good following on Facebook; Just renewed web handling with Network Solutions for 5 years.

Editor: (F. Gauthier)

The newsletter will cover 2 years and be completed during February.

Legal: (C. McElroy)

This is a short legislative session dedicated towards the budget so there are no animal laws to review; Roxy's law passed but the perp was acquitted due to mishandling and loss of evidence by the authorities. The bill on cage free eggs failed as did the one banning neonicotinoids.

CJ followed up on the land offered at Ruidoso, but the property is small, located in a barren area, and surrounded by other private property. It wasn't viable.

There was some discussion about counties passing ordinances (Torrance) prohibiting introducing prairie dogs. The county does have the power to do this as Torrance did when Jim Winder tried to introduce them at the Heritage Site.

Yvonne mentioned Colorado's strict laws regarding PD relocation and the success that the Southern Plains Land Trust had achieved. She said she would contact Nicole Rosmarino to discuss their success.

Private & Singleton Rescue: (M. Dowling)

Margaret had captured a BTPD from a school out on the west side; Frances G had captured and relocated 10 squirrels from AA Buffet at the SE corner of Lomas and Juan Tabo.

At Large: (G Singleton)

Graziella had done trapping at Sandia Vista Park during 2021; for 2022, it would depend on available time.

PDP Operations: (R. Watt/E. Urbanski)

- Site Development: Funds were spent in 2021 to establish and expand release sites at the refuge.
- Ray noted that PDP needed to secure access to additional relocation habitat; he had contacted Valles Caldera but hadn't heard back; he also contacted Valle del Oro and they are considering the possibility; Ray noted that we could probably establish a colony of about 100 PDs there.
- Ray noted that PDP needed to concentrate on Los Colinas, which is to be developed, Sandia Vista Park (contract), the NW corner of Comanche and Tramway (bridge work) and APS and COA sites.

4. Items of interest

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10

Meeting Schedule: The next annual meeting will be scheduled for 1:00 PM on Sunday, February 5, 2023.