

Mingo Swamp Friends Annual Meeting
July 18, 2017

Present: Amanda Mossman, President; Leroy Romine, Vice President; Bruce Beck, Secretary; Sharon Beck, Treasurer; June Romine, member; John Karel, member, Jessica Reker, member; Aimee Gerdes and sons, visitors; Laverne and Layla Mossman, visitors; Amy Walker, Puxico Press; Ben Mense, Refuge manager; Corey Kudrna, Refuge Assistant Manager

Homemade ice cream and blackberries were enjoyed before and during the meeting. Perfect way to enjoy a meeting on a hot summer evening. Thanks to June and Leroy.

Call to Order: President Amanda Mossman called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm, in the Mingo NWR Visitor Center.

Minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting were read by secretary Bruce Beck. Motion by Leroy Romine, second by Sharon Beck, to approve the minutes with one correction <Lookout Mountain changed to Pilot Knob>. Minutes approved.

Financial report: An oral summary of the income and expenses was given by Treasurer Sharon Beck. The complete printed report is attached.

Election of Officers for 2017-2018

Motion by Leroy Romine, second by Bruce Beck, to accept the slate of current officers for the new term.

President – Amanda Mossman

Vice President – Leroy Romine

Secretary – Bruce Beck

Treasurer – Sharon Beck

Motion passed.

Bookstore Report by Amanda Mossman. An updated bookstore inventory was presented.

Photo Contest:

- Since no photos have yet been submitted for the contest, It was agreed to extend the deadline for accepting entries from August 1 to August 15. Bruce will send out notices to area newspapers. Amanda will make the change on the Swamp Friends website.
- Bruce will make arrangements with contest judges.
- Amy suggested the Friends display the winning entries at the Dexter Farmers Market on Thursdays from 4 to 6 pm.

Staff Report:

Refuge Manager Ben Mense reported the following:

- Staff has planted several food plots
- The new spillway is completed and working well
- Priorities at present include wildlife observations and feral hog control

- The refuge currently has nine full-time staff positions, including two positions that are now vacant – a maintenance position and a second ranger.
- There are two temporary positions – Casey Bryan will be coming from Crab Orchard NWR as a Pathways position August through January. Emily Shafer is working as a laborer and leader of the Youth Conservation Corps workers.
- Staff are working on the budget for the coming fiscal year beginning October 1.
- End-of-year funds are committed to buying treated lumber to be used next year to replace wooden boards on the eastern section of the Swamp Walk Nature Trail.
- Sweets Cabin needs a new roof. Staff is looking for a source of cypress shakes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday evening October 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Mingo NWR Visitor Center.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 pm

Bruce Beck, Secretary

MINGO SWAMP FRIENDS FINANCIAL SUMMARY, May-June 2017

DATE	Category	Income	Description	Category	Expenditures	Bank Balance	Difference
			MAY			\$15,381.88	
5/8/2017	Bookstore	\$249.25					
5/15/2017	Bookstore	\$157.50					
5/16/2017			McAfee Intel Security	Admin	\$49.99		
5/18/2017			DNH*Godaddy.com	Admin	\$100.85		
5/23/2017			Chk 870 K&M International	Bookstore	\$412.30		
5/23/2017			Chk 871 General Distributors	Bookstore	\$327.09		
5/24/2017			Chk 868 Fish and Wildlife Service	Bookstore	\$12.00		
5/25/2017			Chk 873 Bruce Beck-postage reimb	Admin	\$10.68		
5/31/2017	Bookstore	\$629.94					
		\$1,036.69			\$912.91	\$15,505.66	(+\$123.78)
			JUNE				
6/6/2017	Bookstore	\$236.44					
6/8/2017			Chk 872 Ag Expo 2018	Admin	\$180.00		
6/12/2017	Bookstore	\$212.00					
6/19/2017	Bookstore	\$101.00					
6/23/2017			Minitprint - envelopes	Admin	\$46.00		
6/23/2017			Instaprint - Membership brochures	Admin	\$229.96		
6/26/2017	Bookstore	\$107.95					
		\$657.39			\$455.96	\$15,707.09	(+\$201.43)