

**Minutes of the Mingo Swamp Friends Meeting
October 16, 2012**

The Mingo Swamp Friends Meeting was called to order on October 16, 2012 by Sharon Tuschoff in the maintenance shop at 6:45 p m at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge at Puxico, Mo.

ATTENDANCE

Sharon Tuschoff	Ben Mense
Susie Spargo	Peter Rea
Gary Beacham	Lindsey Landowski
Vergial Harp	Brad Watkins

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of July meeting were presented via e-mail. Motion to approve made by Dan Holloway, second by Vergial. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary Beacham read treasurer's report. As of 10-1-12 balance is \$8,882.39. Motion made by Brad to accept report, second by Dan Holloway. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Pavestone sells-There were two from Sharon and a \$50 donation
- 2) Photo contest results-Aaron was absent. No report given.
- 3) Photo contest update-Update by Lindsey. There were 74 entries. Discussions and concerns of contest are, not enough sponsors to give money as prizes. Solutions might be to offer gift certificates. T-shirts, etc. Also discussed Best of Show prize and People's Choice awards. Decision was made to have photo club to come back on second Tuesday in January. Contact Bruce or Aaron regarding questions.
- 4) Brad gave report on website that it was working out great.
- 5) Food Plots-Gary reported that food plots done well except for one. Also had a wheat seed donation of \$100.
- 6) Bookstore-Ben reported they have not yet met but will work on that before next month. Also discussed that the grand opening would be a good time for money-making projects. It was suggested T-shirts, sweatshirts etc. It was decided Swamp Friends would have door prizes and drawing at grand opening.

STAFF UPDATE

Peter discussed (a) Public Lands Day on Sept 29th. Had a good turnout. (b) The Annual Missouri Mushroom Society meeting had around 25 people. (c) Discussed the upcoming Mingo Paddle Ride in October, and other events on upcoming Swamp Saturdays. (d) He also discussed keeping up with your own volunteer hours. A timesheet was provided .

Ben reported that the new building should be done by spring.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:30 maintenance shop. Motion made by Gary to adjourn, second by Brad.

Minutes submitted by Susie Spargo, acting secretary