

20150623 - FOA Board meeting - 7:00 PM - Audubon

Attendees:

Board: Charles Fryling, Charles Caillouet, Jim Delahoussaye, Carolyn Delahoussaye, Ray Brassieur

Advisors: Woody Martin, April Newman, Pam Caillouet, Rebecca Triche

Guests:

Charlie Fryling opened the meeting at

There was no meeting in May.

The April 28, 2015 meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report:

Current month activity: renewed web host service for 6 mo. (\$179.70) & Domain Name (basinbuddies.org, atchafalaya.info) for 1 yr. (\$21.98)

Regions Balance of \$1,780.12 + PayPal Balance of \$176.45 +\$50 cash = **\$2,006.57 YTD**

Total

Old Business

We will transfer \$500 to LWF for more kid's books this month.

Summary of discussion on proposed cypress preserve actions:

We should research Cane River NHA land policy wrt/ ANHA;

Jim contacted Jim Floret, independent forester, to core cypress;

Harvey Stern could also help;

Woody suggested we start mapping tree locations and ages;

We could maintain one or more Google Earth folders with the collection open to public viewing;

We should attempt to place a value on the trees in order to better support the preserve proposal;

Amy Brassieur has GIS info on the area;

Ray Brassieur proposed creating a student project to do GIS work on the trees;

There may be some opportunities to involve Master Naturalists interested in citizen science projects in the Basin.

The USGS Wetlands Center has a new director and the assistant is Thomas Doyle, a friend of Ray's;

Event reports:

Charles Caillouet reported on:

the "Show Me The Coast 2015" workshop at LSU on May 1, 2015;

the ANHA/Trace Commission Meeting May 6, 2015;

the LWF Board meeting in Woodward, LA on May 2, 2015; and

the Atchafalaya Welcome Center Open House on May 4-6, 2015 during Tourism Week.

Partner Reports:

ABP: The Annual Plan was approved by the Legislature but no new money was authorized. Money unspent on stalled projects was reallocated to plug the Grand Lake leak at the Atchafalaya River, dredge the remnants of Grand Lake, and dredge Little Pigeon to get in to Grand Lake for the work. The Corps may do some of the work so the State money can be stretched.

ANHA: The trails contract is moving forward; the staff is working on grant guidelines and future plans for the Area

LWF: Legislative report – covered in email;

the Board decided to offer no FOA Resolutions this year;

[the Board Approved sign-on to the letter to the next Governor]

Sierra: Legislative report - covered in email

New Business

Charles Caillouet:

Proposal to sign on to LWF letter to next governor: Approved

Upcoming Events

ABP TAG meeting June 24, 2015 at 09:30 AM

ABP R&PB meeting June 25, 2015 at 09:30 AM

ANHA/Trace Commission Meeting July 8, 2015

LWF Convention – August 21

MRC Boat Trip Hearing

Target Projects for 2015

Cypress Preserve

Mississippi River Commission low-water-trip meeting

EA Every Day - Year-Round Events

"Ask me" program at visitors center -

Next Board meeting place and time

July 28, 2015 (fourth Tuesday)

USGS Wetland Center at 7:00 PM?

adjourn meeting at 8:45 PM time