

Friends LSNWR

1. Meeting opened at 10:12 am by President Maria Sgambati
2. Members welcomed; President Elect Russ Hall introduced
3. Last year's board activities summarized. Maria noted our active communications committee and our integrated communications' system.

A wifi network was established for public use and non-business staff use.

Bioblitz" activity documents diversity.

4. Financial report

cash balance \$33,053.

5. Nominations opened for 2017 Board of Directors and Officers

Moved and seconded to accept nominating committee's nominees, elected by acclamation

6. New president Russ Hall spoke on our challenging times.

7. Russ introduced Refuge Manager Andrew Gude.

8. Andrew's Address

The Past Present and Future of the LSNWR

Conservation easements are a major tool for the present and future.

9. Dan Fisk, project leader for the Big Bend Refuges, was introduced and gave supportive comments.

10. Our past president adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.

Ed DeHaan, MD secretary