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DDWS approves new emeritus board members

Former “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) board members Gene Steele and Millie Ford became new members of its Emeritus Board by unanimous vote at the DDWS’ annual meeting on Dec. 2, 2009.

Ford served on the original DDWS board and was responsible for recruiting volunteers and coordinating the refuge volunteer program. Steele served as finance chairman of the Building Committee, which resulted in the refuge’s Education Center.

To honor and take advantage of the wisdom and experience of retired members of its board, DDWS created its emeritus program in 2007, whereby persons who have demonstrated at least six years of significant contributions to the board would continue to have the opportunity to stay associated with board actions and initiatives.

The DDWS board can elect up to two new members each year. The following are also members of the DDWS Emeritus Board: Dick Hult, Marilyn Kloosterman, Art Krival, Molly Krival, Jeanne Rankin, Bud Ryckman, Jim Sprankle, and Mary Ruth Stegman.

DDWS is a non-profit, friends-of-the-refuge organization that supports the Education Center, “Ding” Darling Days, and other educational programs at the refuge.

To join DDWS and become a friend of the refuge, stop in at the Refuge Education Center or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

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