

Audubon Society Omaha
January 7, 2020

Called to order at 7:02pm byBob.

Name	Present	Notes	Name	Present	Absent
Bob Wells	x	President	Bob Fuchs		Other members in attendance
Jackie Scholar		1st VP	Clem Klaphake		
Virginia Stauffer	x	2 nd VP	Rick Schmid		
Matt Miller		Past President	Mike Benkis		
Betty Fullerton	x	Treasurer	Nelli Falzgraf		
Shannon Engberg	x	Secretary	Kathy Schwery		
Ruth Bentzinger	x	Elected Directors	Glenn Pollock		
Mark L. Cave	x		Eric Scholar		
Elizabeth Chalen	x		Helen Bartee		
Grace Gaard			Tisha Johnson		
Anne Maguire	x		Stacey Coury		
Meagan Deichert	x		Laurine Blankenau		
Christine Jacobsen	x		Alex Wiles		
Kayla Johnson			Austen Hill		
			Candy Gorton	x	

Minutes: Minutes of November5thmeeting are on file.Mark moved, Betty seconded,

Informational Items

- 1) Bob -
 - a. Lead Poisoning in Wildlife
 - i. We have established a date and venue for a program forum on Lead Poisoning in Wildlife. This will feature a showing of 15min Alex Wiles' Video on lead poisoning, "Fragments".
 - ii. Setting up diverse panel to follow video - hunters that are pro stop lead and others
 1. See if we can record the panel discussion - Bob will mention to Alex (maybe Nick can record)
 2. Also promote through ASO two email lists -Candy will send out email with info from Bob (coordinating with FF Barb for this)
 - iii. ASO helped produce this video and it is a powerful and informative film that gives a balanced look at the important look this topic.
 - iv. Fontenelle Forest is partnering will ASO to present this video and a panel discussion after in the Forest Room on Thursday February 13th at 7-9pm. NOW HAVE TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO ATTEND FONTENELLE FOREST TALKS
 - v. We are assembling a panel of stakeholders including, Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery, ASO and others. We will also have a presentation of two rehabbed Bald Eagles, one of which was lead-poisoned.
 - vi. It promises to be a important and informational evening on a leading topic in wildlife and raptor rehab.
 - b. March date - looking for topic general meeting, Bob will talk to the Crane Trust or someone from Rowe
 - c. John & LaReesa gave Science Café at the Slowdown - maybe add to the banquet
 - d. Christmas Bird Count - went pretty well - different because of wetland damage

- 2) Betty & Candy to include info on bird seed sale web page
- 3) Elizabeth - update on afterschool programs, but we still haven't heard back from Collective for Youth on whether or not they received their grant to fund our after-school program.
 - a. Tisha submitted grant – still don't know decision
 - b. If get grant – E will need advice on how to hire assistant – contractor paperwork
- 4) Anne
 - a. Assignments for The Meadowlark -all articles and stories due on 1/31 at this time for the March/April issue – programs to include? Bird photographer column as an option – Bob knows a few good birders, tie in migration and Louis' woodpecker or anomalies – have to prove the odd bird presence
 - b. Omaha Gives article – Betty to include in March and May newsletters
 - i. Think about marketing plans for OG – do we want to show what is their gift going to? Stacey tried that last year but we raised less in 2019; potential for a matching – Betty will bring numbers to the next meeting
 - ii. Share Omaha platform/Giving Tuesday
- 5) Annual banquet – change the format? More casual – DJs Doug out west – meeting room and outdoor area (no charge), Kayla to talk with John/LaReesa – UNO chapter students and mentor or network with them, but can invite them, we can sponsor student meals
 - a. Can we write the UNO Audubon chapter a check for the vehicle rental
 - b. Can we get them onto leadership team without voting rights
 - c. Urban birding trip or something later with the UNO Audubon chapter, have our membership invited too
- 6) Virginia – Art Contest is under way, flyers have been mailed, emails mailed for call for entries. ASO website should be updated to include all information for the 2020 contest and show.
 - a. Flyer (shared) is out to schools and emails, V's getting questions
 - b. Set up at Creighton
 - c. Happens to fall on Earth Day Omaha this year – April 18th
- 7) Earth Day Omaha, 50th anniversary of Earth Day to discuss next month – maybe UNOmaha chapter can help with this? Kayla may be drafted to take charge

Consent Agenda

- 1) Virginia/Jackie – nominees for officers and directors ready for presenting to the board at the meeting next week. Will hopefully have info for each nominee to share with the board
 - a. Prez – Bob to stay on, need to make change to the constitution
 - b. 1st VP – Christine Jacobsen
 - c. 2nd VP – Meagan Deichert
 - d. Treasurer – Betty to stay on
 - e. Secretary – Shannon to stay on
 - f. 2 director positions now vacant & Ruth is also no longer going to continue
 - i. 3 nominees: Scott Bradley, Michelle Foss, Heidi Walz
 - ii. Info on the nominees was shared
 - g. V wants to publish in Mar/Apr Meadowlark, to vote on in April
- 2) Bob –
 - a. Request from Jeff Franco of Pottawattamie Conservation, the parent organization that manages Hitchcock Nature Center for help replacing a spotting scope that is used for the fall Hawk Watch. They are just starting to look. From what I know about spotting scopes half of the money required would be \$500-\$750.
 - i. Bob recommended Vortex scope – lifetime replacement guarantee
 - ii. Virginia proposed that we support up to \$750, even if it goes over the budget
 - iii. Seconded Mark seconded

- iv. Discussion? Meagan, Betty want copy of his invoice; this vote will get us to just over budget
 - 1. Board needs to vote that we are ok to go over budget
 - 2. Mark moves that we support up to \$750, even if it goes over the budget
 - 3. Virginia seconded
 - 4. Discussion? none
 - 5. Approved? All in favor
- b. Eagle lady from Des Moines – charges \$300, anon donor willing to contribute \$150, we have money for programs for the rest and doesn't require for a vote
- c. Jerry Toll – Saw whet owls program expansion – has to apply for an ASO grant, Oct 31st deadline
 - i. will decide if we will support in the May budget meeting
 - ii. Betty gone in April, so discuss in the board meeting in March
- d. Dispersal of the funds to Dr. John McCarty at UNO so he can make van rentals for his spring Ornithology classes field trips.
 - i. Needs the \$2000 for van rental very soon for this semester
 - ii. See if Audubon at UNO can have a checking account at UNO, but the funds are to reimburse him and not the college chapter
 - iii. Tax return/1099 required if the funds go directly to John
 - iv. Audubon got \$1000 approved, next week will know about the other \$1500 grant
 - v. Bob will have John call Betty to sort out and Bob will talk to him about this first
 - vi. Can give the \$1000 right away, wait a bit until we get confirmation from the second

NEW BUSINESS?

- 1) Christine – Lauritzen, push for education, Millard public schools, 2500 7th grade kids out to the gardens for school day on all subjects, want to do bird identification in the arboretum, need 30 pairs bins, NGPC has 20 pairs and field guides, Bob can borrow, and Audubon has some for the education program
 - a. Spring time – April
 - b. Coordinate around Tisha
 - c. Some board folks can help with identification
 - d. Klem, Bethany and others

Bob called for Adjournment, Mark Seconded

Discussion?none

Approved?yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Minutes submitted by Shannon Engberg, Secretary