

Audubon Society Omaha
 October 6, 2020

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Called to order at 7:03 pm by Bob.

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

Minutes: Minutes of September 1st meeting are on file. Bob moved, Mark seconded. Discussion?
 None Approved? Yes

Informational Items

1) Betty –

- Bird Seed Sale
 - Oct 31-Nov 1. Order by Oct 21
 - Up-to-date report on sales to-date. Total Sales, New Customers, Contactless Delivery
 - Update on wholesale prices. Have been as much 46% % higher than last Oct. Overall 12% higher than 2019 and 21% over 2018
 - 20-40 new customers, marketing committee has done magic!
 - Update on volunteer help on unloading/loading
 - Would appreciate board members to help supply lunch/snacks for volunteers
 - Bagels or doughnuts – 2 doz
 - Pizza or Cash for pizza
 - Cookies or brownies – 2 batches

- New Admin Associate has been hired – Taylor Daniels, had worked at zoo and was furloughed, some website and firespring experience; Candy helping through birdseed sale ordering closes; firespring to prep 2 week training videos, knows excel, supervisory work at zoo too
 - New location
 - Carpet was replaced by landlord. No cost to ASO October
 - Options for ANTI-strike window graphics from Virginia – 4 styles
 - i. Silhouette Bird style – gray scale got more votes
- 2) Bob & Elizabeth –
- The Christmas Bird Count and whether or not we will be participating this year.
 - National Audubon sent out a message outlining two choices:
 - 1) hold a CBC that is in accordance with Local guidelines at the time of the event. A decision cannot be made to move forward with the event until after November 15th
 - 2) cancel this year's event due to COVID-19
 - Bob will call NGPC/Joel Jorgensen to see what other agencies are doing outside of Audubon
 - Might need to have a note in the next newsletter – we haven't made a new decision or that we decided to cancel this year – so that people are aware and can plan accordingly; plan for next
- 3) Kayla –
- Wants to talk about getting the Fragments video embedded into our website.
 - PF is showing this weekend during their youth safety class, would be good to have it on the ASO website

Consent Agenda

- 1) Bob –
- Jason St. Sauver re Audubon Nebraska's proclamation regarding use of Native Plants in plantings (attachment included) – should ASO also use this messaging?
 - Bob moved, Kayla seconded. Discussion? Will the info be presented and shared out? Likely it will, Audubon NE is doing. Can we do a press release once Audubon NE. Big NET meeting on Oct 14th, could announce at the same time. Approved? Yes; No opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Glen –
- a. Problems with easement on Blair property – 4 wheelers, Glen meeting with local home owner association, need to write a letter – with a lawyer – Meagan and Glen will work together
 - b. Grant to study grasslands with drones – Creighton Doc – now to be done on Audubon prairie because of Covid restrictions
 - c. 4 acres in brome to convert – 3 acres to be flowers, need help collect seeds – asking for interested people to email him – maybe UNO students
 - d. Request to Glen for movie in tall grasses, likely CCC, will update with info
- 2) Meagan – NET meeting next week, she attended the one today and had insight to share

Bob called for Adjournment, Shannon Seconded
 Discussion? none
 Approved? yes
 Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm
 Minutes submitted by Shannon