

Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting

May 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Christine Jacobsen

Meeting was held at the Audubon Prairie and was preceded with a walking tour of the prairie, led by Glenn Pollack

Christine welcomed incoming board members Ashleigh Stohlman and Nick Romero to their first board meeting. This is our first in-person meeting since Covid hit.

Board members present

Christine Jacobsen, President
Kayla Johnson, 2nd VP
Michelle Foss, Treasurer
Anne Maguire, Secretary
Bob Wells, Past President
Katy Simmons
Amy Campagna
Heidi Waltz

Board members absent

Virginia Stauffer, 1st VP
Grace Guard
Lauren Robinson
Mark Cave
Scott Bradley

Other members present

Ashleigh Stohlman
Glenn Pollack
Nick Romero

OLD BUSINESS

1) Approval of 4/5/2022 board meeting minutes

Michelle moved to approve the minutes and Amy seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2) Michelle - Finance

Michelle reported we are in good financial position. We are \$100,000 ahead of where we were. Most of our funds are restricted to Douglas County.

We underspent last year due to Covid. We overspent on the art show due to a record number of entries (more than 600 entries). Heidi moved to approve the extra expense and Katy seconded. Motion approved.

Our financial advisor has recommended we move our \$225,000 annuity to a fixed account with a 1.85% return. The remaining balance of about \$1389.49 will go into our checking account.

We cannot move the principle for 7 years with the new annuity.

Heidi made a motion to move the annuity to the new account and Katy seconded the motion. Board voted to approve.

Michelle presented the budget for July 1, 2022 -- June 30, 2023

Discussion followed which outlined the changes from previous year.

Kayla moved to approve the budget and Heidi seconded. Budget was approved.

We will participate in the Share Omaha campaign in a couple weeks.

3) Christine -

Christine needs approval for a candidate we have for our Admin position. Sarah Morgensen will be a parttime contract worker with a 1-year contract. Pay is \$20/hour up to 30 hours a month. She will report to Christine and will attend board meetings, programs, etc. Anne moved to offer the position to Sarah and Kayla seconded. Board voted to approve.

4) Anne - 50th Anniversary Banquet

We are planning to hold our annual banquet in October. It will be ASO's 50th anniversary. Anne will chair the planning committee. Ashleigh volunteered to help.

5) Kayla

Kayla requested we hold our next board meeting in-person. Everyone agreed. The first meeting of the new year will be in September.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.