

Audubon Society Omaha  
May 4, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: May 4, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Called to order at 7:08 pm by Bob.

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

### Informational Items

#### 1) Bob –

- State and Federal Legislative Roundup – still not acted upon at the state legislature = not more to add right now, federal bill not yet moving either
- OPPD's revision to SD-7 Environmental Stewardship in recognition of the scientific consensus that climate change is occurring...
  - Public commend due by Mar 14th (<https://www.oppdcommunityconnect.com/board-of-directors-meeting>)
  - Bob wants to write a letter in support on behalf of ASO – opted to write individual note, encouraging other Directors to write notes in support as well
- Mother's Day bird walk at Hitchcock
- Will coordinate with Virginia for onboarding of new board members

#### 2) Glenn –

- Signage for Allen Hills easement to address problems with prohibited ATV traffic
  - Need a sign if want to deter ATV traffic
  - Anne will work with Glenn – husband has connection to a sign shop
  - Anne's brother in law – neighborhood association president, announced at last meeting that ASO will be putting signs up. Place sign at both entrances, one is right off the road, and shared pictures

#### 3) Elizabeth –

- Tisha – July 7<sup>th</sup> at area library – first education program for the year

- Asking if ASO has given any guidance for field trips from National Audubon
    - Bob says vaccinated people can meet without masks outside
    - We're not allowed to ask if people are vaccinated per CDC = limiting factor
- 4) Betty –
- Would like to set date of October 23<sup>rd</sup> for next bird seed sale (Husker by-week)
- 5) Anne –
- National Audubon head stepping down due to inappropriate behavior – Bob says
  - Interim director is a woman that has been involved with Audubon

### Consent Agenda

- 1) Shannon
- Minutes: Minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting are on file.
  - Shannon moved to approve; Elizabeth seconded. Any discussion - none. Approved.
- 2) Betty –
- Budget 21-22
    - Betty shared the file: *Preliminary 2021-2022 Budget*
    - Final budget also shared for next year
    - Keep revenue estimates conservative (bird seed sale and donations – unsure what we'll retain), but can make some budget adjustments after bird seed sale, keep
    - Glenn asked for \$10k for prairie mgt, ok for \$8k
    - ASO annual gifts – down to \$3k for the year
    - ASO received \$4k from IRA distribution, unexpected, received after budget was shared
    - Got a refund on taxes from Douglas Co (Steffee's), unexpected
    - Michelle moved to approve; Bob seconded. Any discussion - none. Approved.
  - Report Market conditions
    - Investments doing well, up 16% from last year
    - Socially responsible investing – board expressed interest in this. Betty has started the transition. Now ¼ of ASO investments are in some way more responsible, away from fossil fuels towards electric vehicles, no tobacco, firearms, et al. Lori is exploring other options to socially responsible investments as we go on.
    - Bob moved to approve; Elizabeth seconded. Any discussion - none. Approved.
- 3) Anything else?

Bob called for Adjournment, Betty & Shannon Seconded

Discussion? none

Approved? yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Minutes submitted by Shannon