

Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting

September 7, 2021

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Christine

Board members present

Christine Jacobsen, President
Virginia Stauffer, 1st VP
Elizabeth Chalen, 2nd VP
Bob Wells, Past President
Michelle Foss, Treasurer
Anne Maguire, Secretary
Grace Guard
Amy Campagna
Katy Simmons
Lauren Robinson
Grace Guard
Scott Bradley
Heidi Walz

Board member absent

Mark Cave
Kayla Johnson

Other members present

Betty Fullerton
Glenn Pollock

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Approval of 5/4/2021 board meeting minutes
Heidi moved to approve and Elizabeth seconded. Minutes approved.
- 2) Approval of 6/3/2021 board meeting minutes
Heidi moved to approve and Michelle seconded. Minutes approved.
- 3) Anne reported two "No motorized vehicle" signs were installed at Allen Hill easement. Signs were donated by Renze, wood posts came from extra posts at Audubon prairie. Installed by volunteers. No costs were incurred by the club.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4) BETTY-
 - a) Betty is transitioning the treasurer duties to Michelle in October. In the meantime, Betty will serve as the club's unpaid accountant.
 - b) Bird seed sale is October 2-3. We need help from everyone on the board. Betty and John will call board members. Need 24 people in the warehouse to help with seed. Shifts will be 9am to noon and 1-5pm.
 - c) Also need food to feed the volunteers. Heidi will send out a sign-up genius for food.
 - d) Betty needs help with Access. Scott can help.
 - e) Betty needs help with modifications to the website order button. Virginia will contact Firespring to make adjustments.
 - f) There will be no reminder postcard this year. Please encourage family and friends to place orders.
 - g) Need help with contactless delivery.
 - h) Lauren will promote sale on social media with a budget of \$100.

5) BOB-

- a) Bob has received 2 requests for financial help from ASO.

The UNO student Audubon chapter requests \$575 to plant a pollinator garden at Fontenelle Forest.

Jerry Toll from Hitchcock requested an unspecified amount for placing trackers on Sawett owls. Elizabeth pointed out there is no money in the budget for requests this year. Scott read the budget and confirmed. Bob asked Glenn if we could use conservation funds. Grace suggested we have a process to look at requests once a year and use social media to open requests. Scott said this is an opportunity to look at all allocations and determine the best use of our money.

Glenn said he may be able to offer seeds for the pollinator garden. Bob will ask Logan for the proposal to see what they need.

No action was taken on these requests.

- b) Rick Schmidt has retired from the Christmas Bird Count. Bob has two people in mind to be the compiler. Scott and Bob will try to recruit a compiler. Christine said there may be people at Laurensen Gardens who want to count. She will talk to Bob.

6) ELIZABETH-

Needs help with the nominating committee. Message her if you are willing to serve on the committee or have potential board member.

7) GLENN:

Audubon prairie needs to have seeds collected. Blue stem and blackberries are dominating but they are native rather than invasive.

Cumming Cemetery had sumac come back.

He has two new volunteers. Steve from Illinois and Nick moved here from Lincoln.

Emmet Steffy and his wife mow the trails at Audubon prairie.

Starting biology students use the Audubon prairie.

Northern Prairies Land Trust is a non-profit that volunteered to manage Wachiska Audubon prairies in Lincoln. Keep that in mind if Glenn can't do it in the future.

Glenn encourages everyone to come visit the prairies. You will enjoy it.

8) VIRGINIA:

Please review the production schedule for the Meadowlark. We start 6-8 weeks out to determine articles. It would be nice to have CBC info for the next issue.

9) CHRISTINE:

Mark Brohman has resigned from Nebraska Environmental Trust.

The National Audubon conference is virtual this year and easy to attend.

Glenn moved to close the meeting and Virginia seconded. Meeting closed.