

# **Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting**

## **March 1, 2022**

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

### **Board members present**

Christine Jacobsen, President  
Virginia Stauffer, 1st VP  
Kayla Johnson, 2nd VP  
Heidi Walz  
Anne Maguire, Secretary  
Bob Wells, Past President  
Lauren Robinson  
Scott Bradley  
Mark Cave

### **Board members absent**

Michelle Foss, Treasurer  
Grace Guard  
Amy Campagna  
Katy Simmons

### **Other members present**

Betty Fullerton  
Glenn Pollack  
Kyle Finley

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1) Approval of 2/1/2022 board meeting minutes

Anne moved to approve the minutes and Scott seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

### 2) Update on Administrator search

Christine said we have received one application for the position and she forwarded it to Michelle

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 3) Anne - Programs/Newsletter/Website

The Meadowlark committee has outlined content for the May/June issue and contacted the members we need to write articles. We need field trips for May and June. Kayla will handle the May field trip

### 4) Betty

Bird Seed Sale Report - Very successful Winter sale. Sales have doubled over the past 2 years  
Last year we had 51% of total sales from the winter sale. This year it was 54%  
We need younger volunteers! Fifty percent of current volunteers are in their 70s  
Betty thanked board members who volunteered and brought food

### 5) Christine

Our corporation has expired. We will have to refile with the state and pay the \$30 filing fee.  
Michelle and Christine are working on this with the bank.  
Budget timelines will be presented at the next meeting

### 6) Kayla- Nominees for new board members

Kyle Finley introduced himself and shared his background with the board.  
Kayla shared resumes for the 3 new board members and goals for each candidate.

**Ashleigh Stohlman:** She would like to have the UNO Audubon students prepared to move onto the ASO board in the future

**Kyle Finley:** He has a strong technology background including video, photography and drones. He could use his talents to help with social media. He organized the UNO indigenous gardens

**Nick Romero:** He is a law student with initiative and drive. He is interested in environmental policies.

Kayla said we have an additional board position open. We are looking for a candidate with a financial background. New board members will be invited to join our May board meeting. Their terms begin in July. Bob said the candidates look good and will bring diversity and youth to our board.

Everyone on the board has access to the board portal. If you need help with your access, contact Virginia and she can give you a new password

Christine moved to instate Ashleigh, Kyle and Nick to the board. Heidi seconded. Approved.

#### 7) Glenn

Moffat station is going up at Hitchcock nature center. He got a \$300 donation to help with banding but banding is delayed due to shortages of chips and aluminum.

Plans to convert the pond (mud hole) at Audubon Prairie to wetlands. Nebraska Game and Parks will look at the area and advise for making wetlands. They will get rid of the goldfish and introduce native fish. Wachiska Audubon is doing a write-up on our prairie on their website.

Glenn was alerted the Allen Hills easement property came up for a tax sale because the taxes had not been paid. Anne contacted her brother who is president of the Allen Hills Homeowners Association. He paid the back taxes and completed the transfer of tax payment to the homeowners association so this will not happen again.

#### 8) Christine

Christine has been talking to Wachiska about strategic planning for the prairies. She would like to set up a board meeting with them at the prairie so we can work with them to plan the future of our prairie. Mark Brohman is the prairie director for Wachiska.

Environmental legislation is going on in Nebraska and Iowa. She will send information to our board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm