

Audubon Society of Omaha Board Meeting
October 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Christine.

Board members present

Christine Prescott, President
Michelle Foss, Treasurer
Katy Simmons, Secretary
Bennett Amdor
Kyle Finley
Betty Fullerton
Steve Geddes
Melissa Sitze
Virginia Stauffer

Board members absent

Kayla Johnson, 1st VP
Amy Campagna
Anne Maguire, 2nd VP

Other members present

Julia Rawnsley

OLD BUSINESS

1) Approval of September 5, 2023 board meeting minutes. Amended to correct the spelling of Dory the Dog.

Motion to approve amended minutes by Virginia. Seconded by Bennett. Minutes as amended were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1) BETTY: Birdseed Sale

At this point, sales total \$47,800 with 2 days left. Virginia is posting fun boosts on Facebook which appear to be resulting in added orders. Michelle set up SignUpGenius link for food donations during seed pickup weekend.

2) CHRISTINE - Programs

Upcoming programs include the Member Meeting at DJ's on 10/12 featuring Pollinator Gardens, and a field trip to Chalco Hills on 10/28. All board members are encouraged to attend these events.

3) CHRISTINE: Name Change

- 2 directors responded to Christines's call for input via email
- discussion tonight will be limited to 20 minutes, with each person allowed 2 2-minute opportunities to comment
- the upshot of the discussion was the need for a DEIB educational push prior to calling for a member-wide vote on the name change issue
- a DEIB committee was formed consisting of Christine, Bennett, & Julia

4) VIRGINIA: Report on EZ Does It Urban Birding field trip to Towl Park

- good turnout on the original date but the event had to be canceled shortly after starting due to weather

- the rescheduled event was attended by 7 people who ranged in age between 10 to 75

5) CHRISTINE: a few items

- Rowe Sanctuary is looking for a new President (job description available soon), and the visitor's center is under construction and will not be open during next crane season

- there was a brief discussion about ways to eradicate the sumac at Cuming City Cemetery Prairie, including finding grant money to cover the cost

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Minutes submitted by Katy Simmons