

Audubon Society Omaha  
 May 5, 2020

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tnc.zoom.us/j/96794380570>

Meeting ID: 967 9438 0570

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,96794380570# US (San Jose)

+12532158782,,96794380570# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 967 9438 0570

Join by Skype for Business

<https://tnc.zoom.us/skype/96794380570>

Called to order at 7:07 pm by Bob.

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting are on file. Betty moved, Jackie seconded. Discussion? None  
 Approved? Yes

**Informational Items**

- 1) Elizabeth – Education committee – we have no education programs happening at this time.
  - a. Any guidance from National for end of May field trips? Bob suspects that we will not be able to do
- 2) Bob – May 21<sup>st</sup> – NET meeting public hearing, can't go as a rep from ASO, need to be as individuals, don't know if still scheduled
  - a. Cuming City, Hill Top have been burned
  - b. To promote for people to go out and visit the ASO sites
  - c. Bob will get people out to help with bird census post burn

- 3) Anne – latest version of the meadowlark should have been received
  - a. Glenn asked to see the drafts of the meadowlark – could help watch for things like controlled vs prescribed burn, Anne will share
  - b. Maybe in next issue have a blurb to talk about the difference
- 4) Candy – What is the policy for non-members to receive the Meadowlark by email?
  - a. All avail online
  - b. No problem for anyone to get the email, not extra cost
  - c. Watch how we promote it, not just a membership perk because
  - d. Want to keep sharing our message out to as many people as we can
  - e. Maybe share with our representatives in local and state government, libraries too once reopened
- 5) Betty – 2020-2012 fiscal year budget proposal shared April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - a. April financials – no questions
  - b. Budget (no changes to document previously sent)
  - c. Comments – run \$33k deficit before investments, but not sustainable over long term, we should we try to increase bird seed and expand education, no other ways to increase revenue, have funds to keep going how we are, not many opportunities to cut expenses
  - d. but not sustainable over long term – finance committee discussed, recommended not to give funds out to other organizations
  - e. lobbying person - \$5k/yr, worthwhile investment, has helped us get in touch with legislatures related to NET public hearing, still have the funds of this, but we are starting to use our investments, can juggle other source of funds in future years as we watch the bottom line, can't expand education work right now (recommended by Elizabeth & Betty agrees)
  - f. nothing wasteful in our budget, meadowlark is a great investment
  - g. Bird Seed Sale – Future changes (included in Financials document)
    - i. With the covid situation, should plan to go ahead with sale
    - ii. Volunteer garages – all are over 70 = at risk
    - iii. What if we try for new office space with space for the bird seed and a bathroom, need \$1200 sq ft place off the interstate, one possible location \$12k/yr (just \$2k more than current rent), maybe 5 year lease, would the seed space also be available for some educational activities? Would prefer to rent a consistent place if possible for the bird seed sale facility
    - iv. Fontenelle – could have that be the pick up site at camp bruester
    - v. Could rent a truck and store in the parking lot,
    - vi. or do this at the Florence grain mill – Anne is a friend and could talk to her
    - vii. everyone to keep an eye out for interesting places for rent (Bird Seed sale and possible office space (2-bay office space, side by side)) and send info to Betty, Anne, Michaela
    - viii. get info together for next meeting (September) for agenda
    - ix. Bird seed sale would be at the end of October
- 6) Kayla – all prairies burned, new Bennington hit brome, but will need to get again, could still get equipment (smaller tractor and shed at cuming city); found mountain skull in remnant prairie and will send to NEGPC; UNO Audubon still active; lots of bird pictures in our DropBox app that she can use

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1) Betty – 2020-2012 fiscal year budget proposal shared April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Budget – proposed to approve the board as revised budget, moved to approve by Bob, Anne Second, discussion? none, approved, no objections

### **NEW BUSINESS?**

Jackie called for Adjournment, Kayla Seconded  
Discussion? none  
Approved? yes  
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm  
Minutes submitted by Shannon