

Audubon Society of Omaha Board Meeting June 4, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Christine.

Board members present

Christine Prescott, Pres.
Kayla Johnson, Vice Pres.
Michelle Foss, Treasurer
Katy Simmons, Secretary
Betty Fullerton
Conor Gearin
Amy Campagna
Steve Geddes
Trevor Pellerite
Melissa Sitze
Bennett Amdor
Kyle Finley

Board members absent

Other members present

Suzie Kingery
Roger Carroll
Tom Neneman

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of May 7, 2024 board meeting minutes. After correcting names, Michelle moved to approve the minutes, Bennett seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Bird Walk Ideas – Conor

Do we want to get anything on the schedule? Glacier Creek? Melissa asked if we ever do a longer field trip. Insurance is an issue.

Conor likes Glenn's idea of an evening bird walk. Summer programming won't be promoted via newsletter (no summer newsletter) so need to push out other ways.

Habitat Committee Discussion—Steve (Tom, Trevor, Melissa, Bennett on committee)

ID'd several goals which can be found on the shared drive.

Would like to have a Habitat tab on web site. Backyard habitat-oriented to start with.

Links to other sites (NE Monarch, Green Bellevue, State Arboretum, suppliers); address not just birds but other pollinators.

Bennett: add a template for a basic local garden

Communication Committee can assist with creation of pages and maintaining ASO voice.

President's Report

Finance Committee meeting:

1. Need approval from the board to move \$25,000 from American funds to operating fund. This money covers operations until the fall seed sale. Kayla moved to approve and Bennet seconded. Motion carried.

2. Designating bank check-signers for the new fiscal year:

In accordance with ASO by-laws:

(Under Article IV: Officers

Section 9. Checks of ASO may be signed by whomever the Finance Committee appoints at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Under Article VII: Committees

Finance: The ASO Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee, which must have at least three members, including the President and the Treasurer. Designates annually the appropriate bank check-signers and those authorized to have online access to view bank transactions.)

The following resolution has been approved by the Finance Committee:

For the fiscal year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025:

The Finance Committee designates, as the appropriate bank check-signers:

- Treasurer, Melissa Sitze
- And President, Christine Prescott

For the fiscal year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025:

The Finance Committee designates, as those authorized to have online access to view bank transactions:

- Treasurer, Melissa Sitze
- President, Christine Prescott
- Chair of Bird Seed Sale, Elizabeth Fullerton

This resolution remains in effect until superseded by a new resolution from the Finance Committee of Audubon Society of Omaha.

3. Program request from Durham Museum during the Jane Goodall exhibit. Wednesdays for 2 hours doing a craft, etc. Christine (for Lauritzen) and Amy for Pottawatomie. Suzie offered to represent ASO on 7/17 from 11-2. Conor and Tom also interested. There is a stipend available to cover supplies (\$250).
4. Aug 21 Audubon chapter leader training on national site.
5. Julia has submitted her notice. Kayla suggested doing an exit interview to help with next hiring. There are complications w/posting job as an employee vs contractor.

Other business

Conor working on Committee list.

New board member orientation which Bennett will conduct.

Discussion about keeping ASO email for consistency w/Google drive.

Reminder to check ASO email.

Trevor: city council is attempting to overhaul ordinances on vegetation/natives/weeds 18-21B2. Suggests we send a letter to council and suggest ways to improve the law. Christine can sign a letter as President of ASO.

Cuming City cemetery hike at 9 this Saturday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.