

# **Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting**

**October 4, 2022**

## **Board members present**

Christine Jacobsen, President  
Kayla Johnson, 1st VP  
Michelle Foss, Treasurer  
Anne Maguire, Secretary  
Amy Campagna  
Heidi Walz  
Kyle Finley

## **Board members absent**

Bob Wells, Past President  
Grace Gaard  
Katy Simmons  
Nick Romero  
Ashleigh Stohlman

## **Other members present**

Betty Fullerton

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Christine Jacobsen

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1) Approval of 9/6/2022 board meeting minutes

Michelle moved to approve the minutes with corrections and Heidi seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2) MICHELLE - All board members must sign a Conflict of Interest form

### 3) CHRISTINE -

Recap of Audubon Council Meeting, September 27th at Spring Creek Prairie

Six members of Omaha Audubon attended the meeting: Christine, Bob, Michelle, Kayla, Heidi and Glenn. Nebraska has four priorities: Climate Change, Conservation Easements, The Platte River and Defense of the Nebraska Environmental Trust

The group discussed the possibility of scheduling an advocacy meeting/workshop to help people talk to decision-makers and lobby for our priorities

### 4) KAYLA-

Kayla discussed options for collaborating with Pheasants Forever. An ASO officer could host their once-a-month board meeting in our office on the second Tuesday of each month. Kayla and Michelle volunteered to host these meetings.

### 5) CHRISTINE -

Julia Rawnsley has applied and been interviewed for our contract admin position. We would like to offer her the position. Anne moved to offer a 1-year contract to Julia Rawnsley at \$20/hour and Amy seconded. Board approved.

### 6) BETTY - Birdseed Sale update

We have 22 new customers so far. We will need volunteers on the 15th and 16th and also for late pick ups. Michelle and Christine volunteered for late pick ups.

7) KAYLA - Natural Resources Committee

We love our prairies and we want to add to them. The Natural Resources Committee is working on a strategic plan to add land and establish relationships. We would like to put up signage to make our prairie more accessible and send fliers to the neighbors.

Looking at Restoring Nebraska and the Recovering Nebraska Wildlife Act.

We could partner with Fontenelle Forest with management costs, liability costs, insurance and property taxes.

Google workspace: It is important to make sure we can collaborate.

Please RSVP to board meetings. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.