

# **Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting**

## **February 1, 2022**

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Christine Jacobsen

### **Board members present**

Christine Jacobsen, President  
Virginia Stauffer, 1st VP  
Kayla Johnson, 2nd VP  
Michelle Foss, Treasurer  
Anne Maguire, Secretary  
Bob Wells, Past President  
Lauren Robinson  
Mark Cave  
Katy Simmons  
Grace Guard

### **Board members absent**

Heidi Walz  
Scott Bradley  
Amy Campagna

### **Other members present**

Betty Fullerton  
Glenn Pollack  
Ashleigh Stolman

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1) Approval of 1/4/2022 board meeting minutes

Kayla moved to approve the minutes and Bob seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

### 2) Kayla-

Nominating committee update. We have two strong candidates for the board. Ashleigh Stolman is sitting in on this meeting to see how we operate. She is president of the UNO Audubon chapter. The second candidate is Nick Romero.

A third candidate has been identified but has not yet committed to serve. We plan to hold elections at the March board meeting.

Kayla has an onboarding plan to integrate new board members- matching their abilities and interests with our needs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Christine and Amy are working on programs 6-8 months out. Amy is chair of the education committee so it will fit right in. Bob has arranged our virtual February members meeting. Caleb Strand will present the Fall Hawk Watch at Hitchcock Park.

Earth day April 23rd at Elmwood Park. Audubon Nebraska will not participate in Earth Day this year due to staff shortages. Kayla said she will check with the UNO chapter to see if their members would like to staff an Audubon Omaha booth. We need to commit to having a booth by the first week of April.

Scott Bradley is in Arizona and cannot lead the February field trip which is scheduled for February 26th. Bob volunteered to lead the field trip.

4) Michelle-

The statement of Financial Position and the Corporate Resolution- Michelle moved per its authority in the Bylaws of the Audubon Society of Omaha, the Finance Committee met on January 25, 2022. The committee authorized that the President and the Treasurer be the signatories on the checking account at US Bank. Those current officers are President, Christine Jacobsen and Treasurer, Michelle Foss. The former signatories on the account: Former officers: Matt Miller, Robert Wells and Elizabeth Fullerton should be removed from the account.

Virginia seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Michelle moved to move our Fidelity Bond Funds to Environmental and Alternative Energy Funds. Virginia seconded. Motion approved.

Conflict of Interest. Michelle has received a signed conflict of interest statement from all board members. Thank you. We will need them signed again in July when new board members start.

Please watch video produced by Audubon and Nebraska Land Trust. The 15-minute video has unscripted videos from Nebraska landowners concerning the value of Conservation Easements.

5) Betty

Bird Seed Sale- Orders are due by February 10th. Pick-up will be at the Audubon office on February 19th. We need volunteers to fill two 4-hour shifts. 9am -1pm and 1-5pm. Volunteers are needed for loading and unloading. Michelle will send our a sign-up genius for volunteers. We will need pizzas, bagels, cookies and brownies. Coffee and tea will be provided. Kayla said two of our board candidates, Nick and the unnamed candidate, will volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm