

Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting

January 4, 2022

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Christine Jacobsen

Board members present

Christine Jacobsen, President
Kayla Johnson, 2nd VP
Michelle Foss, Treasurer
Anne Maguire, Secretary
Bob Wells, Past President
Heidi Walz
Katy Simmons
Scott Bradley
Amy Campagna

Board members absent

Virginia Stauffer, 1st VP
Grace Guard
Lauren Robinson
Mark Cave

Other members present

Betty Fullerton

OLD BUSINESS

1) Approval of 12/7/2021 board meeting minutes

Heidi moved to approve minutes from the December meeting, Betty seconded.
Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2) KAYLA

Discussed holding board meetings in person. After discussion by the board, it was decided we will meet on Zoom in February and revisit the issue before the March meeting.
Kayla suggested we consider meeting at the Audubon Prairie for our May board meeting.

Kayla has been looking at past grants. Betty will send her the past 14 years of records.
Heidi is working on a grant form for our website.

Nominating committee will try have nominations ready for February meeting but may need more time. Discussed contacting Leaders of Omaha and Non-profit resource group for people interested in serving on our board. We need 2 non-board members on the nominating committee.

Keep in mind when selecting nominees, we will need chairs for the Marketing/Outreach committee and the fundraising committee. Committee chair people do not have to be on the board. Volunteers can be directed to the committee chairs in their areas of interest.

3) MICHELLE

Board members need to sign the conflict of interest form and return it to her as soon as possible. It is a requirement. You can email it to TreasurerAudubonOmaha@gmail.com.
Michelle has signed form 990, our income tax statement. We will need to hire an expert to do it next year.

Discussion of the contract for Becky Love. Betty said we are not budgeted for the \$20k in the contract. Betty said the club is not in a financial position to contract with Becky Love.
We need continue the search for someone willing to work 5-10 hours per week.

4) SCOTT

Scott will be moving to Arizona for the winter months and will not be able to lead field trips. Kayla suggested non-traditional field trips such as removing goldfish from the pond at Audubon prairie and native seed collecting. Scott suggested picking up trash at a nature center or park. Scott will be gone until July.

5) CHRISTINE

Has been discussing strategic planning for the prairie property, details to come. Nebraska Audubon is keeping an eye on Whooping Cranes. Rowe Sanctuary has some roof damage from the wind storm. Christine will meet with the person who monitors environmental issue in the legislature to see what upcoming bills we need to be aware of.

6) BOB

Bob has a commitment from Hawk Watch for our February general meeting.

6) BETTY

Since we do not have an admin, we need help until a new person is hired. Scott and Christine volunteered to help with social media and the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm