

Audubon Society Omaha
September 3, 2019

Called to order at 7:00 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	X	2 nd 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	X		Eric Scholar		
Elizabeth Chalen	X		Helen Bartee		
Grace Gaard	X		Tisha Johnson		
Anne Maguire	X		Stacey Coury		
			Laurine Blankenau		
			Alex Wiles		
			Michaela Johnson	X	

Minutes: Minutes of August 6th meeting are on file.

Informational Items

- 1) Audubon prairie conservation easement with Wachiska. Glenn
 - a. obtain tax break, but we already have
 - b. if future land owner wants to sell land, they could do so without conservation easement - \$7500 charged for easements by Wachiska – they need to hire people to do the work. Recommends that we don't get Wachiska for the easement. Growing common practice.
- 2) Cuming City Cemetery plans. Glenn
 - a. Matt is bringing contractor out for estimate of shrub removal – will have estimate within next month – have some \$1200 left available
 - b. Greenhollow by Thurman, Bill Blackburn – land going to IA DNR but needs \$5k more to help with the donation. Conservation focused. Betty has \$10k unbudgeted avail. Iowa Natural Heritage Fdn – become part of nearby state park. DNR is requiring some infrastructure before taking it. Table this until next month and get more updated financial need.
- 3) Virginia will hold the orientation for new directors in mid-September. Their first meeting will be Oct 1
- 4) Art Show Committee – Virginia. Art show will be on April 18, 2020 - currently at Bellevue until Creighton knows schedule for remodeling Harper Hall
- 5) First Issue of Meadowlark – Anne. Quick update on progress/issues and hand out copies
- 6) Bird Seed Sale - Anne and Betty – in the last newsletter, info on price changes – cheaper than Wachiska, may need to increase prices a little – for the fundraising committee to discuss
- 7) Content deadline for Nov/Dec issue – Anne – would like to know programming, field trips, updates, bird seed thank you – deadline Sept 27th
 - a. Send to asopublisher@gmail.com
- 8) Present/discuss communications/marketing plan – Anne
 - a. Copies of the plan shared – Stacey helped prepare the plan
- 9) 2019-20 session ASO grant process revisit. Glenn, Betty

- 10) Education committee program – Elizabeth. Does not have much to report at this time. Field trips are lined up for September and October. Still waiting to work out details with Collective for Youth about afterschool. Have a plan at the next meeting for the plan for the school year. Need to look at the wording for paying contractors or committee members – may evolve to the need to hire an education manager/position
- 11) Collection of agenda items for upcoming meeting – Shannon. Different than we’ve done in the past according to the new constitution.
- 12) Admin assistant job advert posted online

Consent Agenda

- 1) Status update on the UNO Campus Audubon Chapter Initiative. Kayla & Bob
 - a. Met with John McCarty & LaReesa Wolfenbarger – excited to help – McC pays a lot of his own costs for his Ornithology classes – wants it to be offered every spring instead of every other by helping with transportation costs?
 - b. Campus chapters is the biggest push by National Audubon
 - c. Maybe John can be on our future board or faculty advisor
- 2) Vote to fill the three open Board of Director Positions. Virginia

ASO has three vacant BOD seats. Virginia has four candidates to fill those vacancies. Virginia send introductory information. The candidates are:

Approved - Megan Deichert – lawyer, Keep NE Beautiful
 Approved - Christine Jacobsen – director of edu at Lauritzen Gardens
 Approved - Michaela (Kayla) Johnson – restoration biologist at Font. Forest and greenhouse at UNO
 Not approved - Ask to be asked a committee chair - Austen Hill – Edu supervisor at Papio
- 3) Nominating Committee. Virginia
 - a. As 2nd VP, formed a nominating committee for the 2020/21 term officers, directors, etc.
 - b. Needs board approval for my committee members - Kathy, Jackie, Shannon, and Helen
 - c. Virginia moves to approve, Mark seconded, no disapprovals. No discussion. Approved
 - d. Betty – Two changes to 2019-20 Budget as present during August Board meeting - The Board would consider as acceptable a variance of 5% or \$50, whichever is greater, on a budgeted expense for the 2019-2020 budget year.
 - e. Virginia moved to approve the budget, Bob seconded.
 - f. Discussion. none
 - g. Approved yes
- 4) Approval of last meeting Minutes. Shannon
 - a. Mark moved to approve, Bob seconded.
 - b. Discussion. none
 - c. Approved yes

NEW BUSINESS?

Glenn: called for Adjournment, Shannon Seconded, Discussion nope, approved
 Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm
 Minutes submitted by Shannon Engberg, Secretary