

**Audubon Society of Omaha Board Meeting
September 3, 2024**

PRESENT

Anne Maguire
Conor Gearin
Bennett Amdor
Melissa Sitze
Virginia Stauffer

Amy Campagna
Roger Carroll
Elizabeth Fullerton
Steve Geddes
Trevor Pellerite
Katy Simmons

NOT PRESENT:

Kyle Finley

OLD BUSINESS

Katy moved to approve minutes from August 6 board meeting
Conor seconded the motion and the motion passed

Anne nominated Virginia for the vacant office of Secretary
Bennett seconded the motion and the motion passed

Kayla has finished signs for Pollock prairie and needs volunteers to dig postholes
in the near future. Kayla will schedule a work day and send email to board

Glenn Pollock spoke to Bennett and wants it noted on ASO website and newsletter
that he is co-chair of Land Stewardship Committee

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Anne

DEIB - Bennett Amdor. Money is available from National for this initiative, he will ask Julia if she's still
interested in being on this committee

Field Trips - Amy Campagna. Trevor volunteered to be on this committee with Amy

Finance Committee – Melissa Sitze, Treasurer. Will continue to work with Betty to get reports done

Fund Raising and Bird Seed Sale - Betty Fullerton. Requesting co-chair for this committee

Habitat - Steve, Mellissa, Tom and Trevor. Steve said goal is to have information on our website later this
year or early January 2025. Steve requested that committee name is simply Habitat, not Habitat at Home

Legislative Affairs – VACANT. ASO in partnership with Wachiska works with a lobbyist to let ASO know
what bills are coming up that affect our mission. -Trevor volunteered to chair this committee. Betty
recommends we contact Christine for more information

Marketing and Outreach – Anne Maguire is resigning this chair. Virginia asked if Conor would chair and
he agreed to take over

Membership - Duane and Kathy Schwery. Had discussion about need for this committee. It was agreed
that it helps with Meadowlark for mailing lists

Natural Areas – Kayla Johnson and Glenn Pollock

Program Committee – Anne Maguire would like a co-chair for this committee

Student Art Contest – Virginia and Katy are co-chairs and Steve, Suzie, Julia are on the committee

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS/TRIPS - Anne

September 12, Nebraska Wildlife Rehab at DJ's

September 14, Trevor will lead a walking tour Cottonwood Creek Preserve

September 21, Virginia will lead EZ Birding at Towl Park

October 10, Bennett and Conor will lead field trip at Glacier Creek Preserve

October 19, Virginia will lead EZ birding at Towl Park

October 23 WEDNESDAY, Kathy Fischer from Fontenelle Forest will bring owls and give a talk at DJ's

Amy C – asked about participating in the Milkweed and Cookies event, but did not get any volunteers

GRANTS - Conor

Conor has spoken to Audubon Great Plains and they have encouraged us to try to apply for grants

1. Audubon in Action grant - 5-10K

2. Collaborative Grants - up to \$1000, coalition with community partners

Applications are due October 14th

Conor will send us a link to application

Grants application should include: How project contributes to DEI initiative and how we contribute to National's Flight Plan

BIRD SEED SALE - Betty

Pick up will be Saturday and Sunday, Oct 12 - 13

Sign up sheet for food was passed around

Will need strong volunteers for unloading the truck near October 10th

FINANCIAL REPORT – Betty and Melissa

Year end financials were shared with the board. Budgets were discussed in regards to Student Art Contest and Programming. Betty reports that we may be able to get a free background checks from state of Nebraska - Betty will check with Michelle about that contact/info

Meeting adjourned at 8:15