

Audubon Society Omaha
November 5, 2019

Called to order at 7:03 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		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		
Mark L. Cave			Eric Scholar		
Elizabeth Chalen	x		Helen Bartee		
Grace Gaard	x		Tisha Johnson		
Anne Maguire	x		Stacey Coury		
Megan Deichert			Laurine Blankenau		
Christine Jacobsen	x		Alex Wiles		
Kayla Johnson	x		Austen Hill		
			Candy Gorton	x	

Minutes: Minutes of October 1st meeting are on file.

Informational Items

- 1) Candy - Partners in Conservation: We have invited several additional organizations to be our Partners in Conservation. While we are still waiting for responses from some, three have accepted to date: Keep Omaha Beautiful, Omaha Permaculture, and Nebraska Master Naturalists Foundations.
- 2) Virginia (will be out of town) - little to report.
 - a. Nominating Committee has met and is working on rounding up candidates.
 - b. Art Show is on schedule and invitations will go out at end of December. All who volunteer will get a cookie, so sign up today.
 - c. Anne Maguire can talk about deadline for Jan/Feb Meadowlark - due Nov 15th
- 3) Elizabeth - Education committee submitted our proposal to Collective for Youth for after school programming. They are quite optimistic about programming starting in the late winter, and have submitted a grant request to fund our programs. They will be notified about that request in November, and will let us know as soon as they hear back.
 - a. Tisha got proposal sent out - Collective for Youth, for Feb
 - b. Hear in next few weeks
 - c. Have a few people in mind for education leaders
- 4) Betty - Bird Seed Sale and Financials
 - a. Emailed info, highest year of the last 6 years
 - b. 20 new customers, lost 44 total
 - c. No reminder postcard this year = may want to do reminder in the fall seed sale
 - d. Email address betty uses for sale, had malware problem
 - e. 2 Different formats for mailing form (newsletter and bulk mail), bulk mail had more responses 89% compared to the newsletter 11%
 - f. Bellevue garage location will need to change, maybe at Font. Forest Camp Brewster
 - g. Winter bird seed sale - Feb - may be at Betty's location and not Neal's

- h. May need to raise prices a bit, down on gross revenue
- 5) Bob & Kayla will update the progress of the UNO Student Conservation Chapter
 - a. UNO chapter is official and have a number of officers, very active, has their own speakers lined up, event at Font. Forest this Saturday, conservation work with Kayla and birding with John McCarty
 - b. First college chapter in Nebraska
- 6) Discussion of a Corps of Engineers project at Zorinsky
 - a. Cut back tree line around lake for residents, SW corner of the lake, near Bauermeister prairie, Corps did lower level EIA, won't share info
 - b. Corps owns Zorinski, leases to City of Omaha, did no maintenance over 30 yrs, create fire break between recreation areas and houses
 - c. Federal mandate to clear up space to reduce fire risk along urban/recreational areas on Corps lands across US
 - d. Call from Channel 6
- 7) Bob passed on message from Alex Wiles - "Fragments" film premier - hoping for December, maybe at Fontenelle or at Garden. Bob will try to get more info from Alex and scheduling, maybe try for a January general meeting
 - a. Viewing and panel discussion
 - b. Figure out our Jan and Feb speakers
- 8) New ASO phone number
 - a. Land line had been routed to Laurine, Stacey, and now
 - b. Dropping the land line, Candy will have an ASO cell phone, will need to announce on next newsletter and other sources
- 9) ASO events and such - be sure someone is taking pictures, Stacy attended and took pics, Candy can't do this

Consent Agenda

- 1) Jerry Toll - funding for Saw-whet owl banding at Hitchcock, will be submitting a proposal at some point
 - a. Wanted to pay hourly wage for assistants to help
 - b. Need a formal proposal like what he's done in the past and need to give a report - Bob will talk to him and ask for a report/data
 - c. Will bring to board for vote next session

NEW BUSINESS?

- 1)

Jackie: called for Adjournment, Anne Seconded,

Discussion? none

Approved? yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Minutes submitted by Shannon Engberg, Secretary