Audubon Society Omaha  
November 5, 2019

Called to order at 7:03 pm by Bob.

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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