

# **Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting**

## **October 5, 2021**

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Christine

### **Board members present**

Christine Jacobsen, President  
Virginia Stauffer, 1st VP  
Heidi Walz  
Bob Wells, Past President  
Kayla Johnson  
Anne Maguire, Secretary  
Grace Guard  
Amy Campagna  
Lauren Robinson  
Grace Guard  
Scott Bradley  
Mark Cave  
Anne Maguire

### **Board member absent**

Katy Simmons  
Elizabeth Chalen, 2nd VP  
Michelle Foss, Treasurer

### **Other members present**

Betty Fullerton  
Glenn Pollock

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Approval of 9/7/2021 board meeting minutes  
Virginia moved to approve and Bob seconded. Minutes approved.
- 2) Betty said there is \$3000 in the budget for grants. She will include the grant information with the records she turns over to Michelle. Mikayla would like to be on the grant committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 3) BOB, SCOTT and CHRISTINE discussed Christmas Bird Count.  
The CBC needs to be spread over several dates. Dates should be between December 14- January 5. Scott said we need to reach out to other CBCs in the area. Bob will call the others. He thinks we usually hold our count the week before Christmas. He will send out the dates and make contacts.  
Scott said it is important to be experienced birders and know the area. We will pair an experienced birder with a novice.  
Virginia said we need to get the information in the November/December Meadowlark. The drop dead date to get the info to her is October 15th.
- 4) MIKAYLA-
  - a) Mikayla requested money for the UNO student Audubon group to build a pollinator garden at Fontenelle Forest. Betty said the Audubon in Action grant would cover the costs. Glenn has seeds to donate and Anne may be able to get the sign donated.

5) BETTY-

- a) Bird seed sale results. Betty discussed results of the bird seed sale. We had 23 new customers, a slight increase in profits although we sold less seed than last year. 36% were new customers. We had 29 volunteers loading. Scott suggested sending a thank you email. Betty said purchases over \$50 will get a thank you letter and Christine agreed. Next year we will continue with optional contactless delivery. Purchases of 6 bags or less will cost \$25 delivery fee, 7-12 bags fee is \$40 and over 12 bags will be \$60. Betty said we need younger volunteers as the bags are quite heavy for older volunteers. Tabled discussion of whether to offer membership on the order form.
- b) Giving Tuesday fundraiser is coming up. Lauren volunteered to chair the Giving Tuesday again this year. Betty will get the info to Lauren.

6) GLENN:

Glenn offering a tour of the prairies to any board members. He gave Anne a tour of the Audubon prairie and she really enjoyed it. He needs 10-15 volunteers to walk across the prairie and drop seeds. Mikayla thinks the UNO students would help. Glenn pointed out the website needs to be updated.

7) VIRGINIA:

- a) The Art Contest needs a co-chair for 2022. She moved to keep the art contest online due to COVID. Christine seconded. Motion approved.
- b) Virginia suggested we hire someone to manage the website and coordinate volunteers. Duties would include answering the phone, checking the email and posting events on the website. Approximately 10-20 hours a week. Christine will work with Bob to look for this person. Anne said we need events created on Facebook for our general meetings.

8) SCOTT:

Field trips will begin again in October, November and December. The November field trip will coordinate with the general meeting topic of water birds. It will be held at the wetlands at Fontenelle Forests. Lauren will update the website with field trip info. Virginia needs field trip info for the meadowlark by October 15.

9) BOB:

Upcoming General meetings: October meeting will feature Rick Schmidt on sparrow identification. Rick will also present the November meeting on water birds. The December meeting will be Joel Jorgensen on Migrating birds.

10) GRACE:

Grace is facilitating an after school program for Girls Inc. The participants will chose bird feeds and seeds to attract the birds. Grace thinks there may be a way to partner with Girls Inc to attract future Audubon members. Grace reminded everyone to be mindful of the time when speaking at board meetings.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 9:35pm