

Audubon Society Omaha Board Meeting

December 7, 2021

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Bob Wells

Board members present

Virginia Stauffer, 1st VP
Kayla Johnson, 2nd VP
Michelle Foss, Treasurer
Anne Maguire, Secretary
Bob Wells, Past President
Heidi Walz
Lauren Robinson
Katy Simmons
Scott Bradley
Mark Cave

Board members absent

Christine Jacobsen, President
Grace Guard
Amy Campagna

Other members present

OLD BUSINESS

1) Approval of 11/2/2021 board meeting minutes

Kayla had a change. She was not present at the November meeting. Kayla moved to approve minutes with change. Virginia seconded. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2) Virginia, Bob and Christine interviewed Becky Love for our Admin position . They all agreed she would be a great fit. Heidi would like to put her on a three month contract to begin. Michelle said we need to look at budget. Kayla said to check references and background check.

Michelle will check references and work up contract. Mark moved to approve the hire and Kayla seconded. Approved.

3) LAUREN-

Lauren reported she has moved to Chicago for a new job with Northwestern University. She will continue to serve on our board for the remainder her term, working remotely.

4) VIRGINIA-

Virginia asked if any current board members are interested in serving the club as second Vice President. Kayla would like to be considered. Mark moved and Bob seconded to approve Kayla as 2nd Vice President. Approved. Heidi will help Kayla with the nominating committee.

5) MICHELLE:-

Michelle reported the club club received a \$10,000 dollar donation from Norman Sack. Betty purchased a laptop and Quickbooks for the new admin. Betty is turning all the financials over to Michelle on Friday. Michelle will work with Betty through the transition.

6) BOB-

Bob reported the Christmas Bird count is on this year. ASO has been counting for 50 years. The count is scheduled for December 19th. All 4 quadrants in our area are covered with experienced counters. Volunteers from Fontenelle Forest will be the compilers. Virginia will create a Facebook Event so our members can participate. ASO members can meet at the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center at 8am-noon. Due to social distancing, there will be no pizza party this year. Michelle said we can apply for a Citizen Science grant so there will be no charge for the room and non-FF members can attend at no charge.

7) VIRGINIA-

Virginia is sending out information to the schools for the annual art contest. The January field trip will be the National Bird Feeder bird count. Information is in the Meadowlark. The February field trip could be BirdAbility.

8) MICHELLE-

Michelle has a form for organizations to apply for grants from ASO. She will present the form at the next board meeting.

MEETING ADJORNED

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting and Heidi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm