

**Audubon Society of Omaha**  
**August 5, 2025 Board Meeting**

**Attending:**

Mark Harberg  
Bill Bossman  
Sheila Glencer  
Roger Carroll  
Melissa Sitze  
Betty Fullerton  
Glenn Pollock  
Kyle Finley  
Anne Maguire  
Sarah Shepherd

**Not Attending:**

Conor Gearin  
Bennett Amdor  
Derek Coomba  
Virginia Stauffer  
Katy Simmons

**Call to order 7:10pm**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Melissa's name was spelled wrong in July minutes. Sarah will make the correction before posting on the share drive and website. Roger moved to approve and Melissa seconded.

**Conflict of Interest Policy - Melissa**

Melissa will post on share drive. Please sign and turn into Melissa. Everyone needs to sign one please. Sarah will email those that were not able to attend.

**Programs - Anne**

Recap Backyard tours – was great, excellent turnout, great weather, 130-155 visitors at each location. Not sure of total number but collective board guesses 250 total visitors.

**Upcoming Programs –**

Aug 14: Blue Birds and Chimney Swifts @ Vincenzos, limited to 24 guests

Sept 11: Turtle, Tortoises and Tunes on the Prairie @ Glacier Creek Preserve- Presentation 6pm-7pm, 7pm until sundown will be on the Prairie with River Town String Bluegrass Band, limited to 45 guests

Oct 9: Nebraska Natural Legacy Project – Preserving Habitats and Wildlife with Chelsea Forehead @ Vincenzo's 6pm-8pm

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> -Phil Swanson's Bird-Friendly Backyard presentation @ TBD, begins at 6pm.  
Limited to 40 guests

### **Field Trips - Sheila**

Sept 24: Boyer Chute Hike in Fort Calhoun @ 6pm. Limited to 20 Guests. Anne will attend, Sheila will be out of town

Oct 4: HawkWatch at Hitchcock Nature Center, begins at 9am. Limited to 25 guests. Bob and Melissa will attend, Sheila will be out of town

March 15: Discovering Galapagos at the Holland Center– Conor to introduce show, budget \$250, 12 tickets reserved. Down payment due Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Sheila will send link to Melissa who will pay that. More details will be available at a later date.

Tentative upcoming Field Trips –

Nov 1: Heritage Center –Homestead National Park Tour

December: Eagle days at Loess Bluff

Jan: Homestead act presentation via zoom? With Rob from The Heritage Center

Jan: Heron Haven Book Club

Feb 28: Desoto Day

Feb: Omaha Performing Arts

April: Desoto Wetland Tour

May: Bluebird Program at Desoto

May: Wrens Lincoln

June: Birds of Heron Haven plus a hike?

### **Budget**

July 1-June 30 is our fiscal year

Field Trip budget is 1250/year

Programs budget 1000/year – Anne anticipates needing a larger budget this year.

Per Melissa and Betty we have plenty of room to amend the Programs budget, as needed.

Per Anne it's fine right now but we can revisit. Current budget is going up in the ShareDrive soon per Melissa and Betty.

### **Birdseed Sale – Betty**

This is our 45<sup>th</sup> year!!!

Betty: Bird Seed Sales down in customers a little bit, hoping to get that up higher. Hoping that the fliers handed out at the Backyard Bird Tours will get us there.

Do we want to keep offering contactless delivery?

57 ppl total have used it, some ppl use it for convenience, while others use it because they are unable to pick up on their own

Liability: Create a waiver for ppl that deliver or stop offering it?

Bill motions to create waiver/release form and Melissa seconded. 8 ayes (Mark, Roger, Melissa, Anne, Betty, Kyle, Bill, Sheila). Motion Passes

Anne motions to continue contactless delivery and Mark seconded, 6 ayes (Mark, Roger, Melissa, Anne, Betty, Kyle), 2 nays (Bill and Sheila). Motion Passes

Betty motions for \$5 increase of delivery fees, Sheila seconded. 8 ayes (Mark, Roger, Melissa, Anne, Betty, Kyle, Bill, Sheila). Motion Passes

**Ridgewood Senior Living - Bill** is working on a program. Trailblazers walking club in October? Themes of forest, water, prairie, etc? Nursing home presentation, birding and native plants on the grounds walk. Presentation from last week was postponed due to some flooding in the building. Bill will continue to work with them.

### **Land Stewardship - Glenn**

Cumming City Cemetery, needs \$500 for mowing and \$150 for chemicals, yes, it's within budget per Melissa and Betty

4 new residents at our Prairie – Muskrats

Glen and Mark have been working with Jerome on burns and other maintenance: Zorinsky lake – needs a lot of effort and years to get it back to where it was, mowing at least 2x per year and more. Glenn would like them to have more help. Sumac is taking over, among other things.

Betty motions to adjourn and Anne seconded

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm**

Minutes prepared by Sarah Shepherd in lieu of Katy Simmons