

**Audubon Society of Omaha  
May 6, 2025 Board Meeting**

**Nominees:**

Shelia Glencer  
Mark Harberg  
Bill Bossman  
Derek Comba

**NOT ATTENDING:**

Amy Campagna  
Trevor Pellerite  
Sarah Prescott  
Katy Simmons

**ATTENDING:**

Conor Gearin  
Anne Maguire  
Sarah Shepherd  
Kyle Finley  
Roger Carroll  
Glenn Pollock  
Melissa Seitz  
Betty Fullerton - by phone  
Bennett Amdor - by phone

**Election for officers and directors**

President - Conor Gearin  
1st VP - Mark Harberg  
2nd VP - Bennet Amdor  
Treasurer - Melissa Sitze  
Secretary - Katy Simmons

**Directors:**

Virginia Stauffer  
Shelia Glencer  
Derek Comba  
Bill Bossman  
Betty Fullerton

Vote taken verbally and all approved unanimously.

**MELISSA - budget**

Most line items same or slightly smaller, exception will be the increase for printing for Meadowlark, 6 issues instead of 5.

Glen approves prairie maintenance budget  
Sarah will be working 12 months instead of 9  
Might look for CPA that costs less.  
Rent is going up \$30 per month.  
Budget does not include cost for Lobbyist

Budget approved with verbal vote.

**CONOR - marketing communications update**

Website - will update website for \$275 so we can give input. Conor recommends using COSMO template provided by FireSpring

Conor asking about newsletter input, Bill and Sheila want to be involved.

**AMY (ANNE) - upcoming field trips**

May 25 - Mindful birding retreat, already full

June 21 - Cuming City Prairie walk

July or August? possibly Glacier Creek

**ANNE - programs**

May 8 - Native plants pollinators and you, by Michelle Foss

June 12 - sustaining birds, bugs and wildlife with trees Justin Everston

July 12 - Bird friendly backyard tour, Saturday from 8-noon, possible yard sponsors:

- Neil Ratzlaff

- Phil Swanson

- Tom Ninemin

- Roger Carroll

- Steve Geddes (maybe)

- Glenn Pollock

Anne will be looking for corporate sponsors

August 14 - Chimney Swifts

September - Turtles at Glacier Creek

**GLENN - land stewardship**

Had to hire mower at Pollock Prairie

Treatment for brome

Garden Club coming to tour prairie

Representative State Senator Spivey to come visit

Florence Mill will collect seeds to build mini prairie

Cuming City Cemetery Prairie, sumac mowed, Pheasants Forever to help with cost

Fontenelle did the burn for a donation

Historical sign has been damaged and neighbors will get state to replace it

**MOTUS** tracking stations, Glenn will be in charge of getting 5 new stations installed, plus 3 more in Iowa private individuals donated money to fund

Tagged Wood Thrush traveled to/from Mexico, Jerry Toll did capture and tagging.

**Glenn** also recommends new location for Earth Day, Riverwalk, MECCA holds it

**CONOR** - we expect each director to serve on a committee and will discuss at next meeting

Bennet will speak to UNMC campus about native plants

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04**