

AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2017

Attending: Janet Callen, Barbara Christofferson, Eula Hickam, Darlene Carlton,
Midge Marcy-Brennan, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p. m.

Minutes of February 7th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Janet reported a checking account balance of \$5,153.84. CD balance is \$4,626.37. Check distributions: Allegra Printing \$51.45, Eula Hickam \$116.64 for February speaker's lodging, Janet Callen \$50.00 for February speaker's fee to R.J. Baltierra. Janet had checked on CD rates at various financial institutions. It was determined Idaho Central Credit Union had the best rate, a 12 -month promotion of 1.05%. Janet motioned to move the full amount of the chapter's CD to Idaho Central Credit Union at 1.05%. Darlene seconded and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNS: *Osprey;* Wayne Melquist has met with Shenango to make 75 plastic and 25 aluminum "Caution" signs for nesting Ospreys. Midge asked Janet to mail the chapter's previously approved donation of \$400.00 to Wayne.

Car signs; Midge displayed a chapter logo sign for cars. Twenty signs were made, six will be held by the field trip chairperson to be given out to the drivers on field trips. If any member wishes to purchase one of the remaining signs, the cost would be \$20.00 each.

Garage Sale: The chapter garage sale will be held May 6, 2017 in Janet's garage, 1392 W. Ocean Ave., Coeur d'Alene. Items for sale may be dropped off at her home on May 2nd and 3rd. Preparations for the sale are May 4th and 5th. The sale will be held from 8 a. m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6th. Janet will pass around a sign-up sheet at the March general chapter meeting for volunteers for each day. Janet has about 20 bird identification guides she will be selling, these will be available for purchase before May 6th.

Chair Reports: *Education,* Midge suggested an article be sent to the CDA Press about Audubon Adventures and how CDA Audubon is #1 in the nation for providing it to the most elementary classrooms. She would also like to acknowledge the Margaret W. Reed Foundation's sponsorship over several years. She asked Barbara, as Education Chair to write the article.

Barbara announced that a teacher, Mary Hamilton, at Borah Elementary had received a grant for all students at the school to attend a field trip to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. She asked Barbara to present a bird identification program at the school and

and to also accompany each classroom to Turnbull. Barbara would like to have a spotting scope available for the field trips. Eula volunteered to help accompany Barbara on the field trips.

Strategic Annual Plan: *Public Education*, Midge wrote an article to the CDA Press regarding the photo of a bird collision. It is yet to be published, Midge will submit it again to the attention of Maureen Dolan.

Conservation, Kathy has the plans to make the "catios". She has asked a Boy Scout troop if they would volunteer to make them. Derek is progressing with the native plant project.

Field Trips: Kara Fellows of ALK Source Materials, a Biotechnology Company in Post Falls requested a guided birding field trip sometime the end of April. There would be 10-12 participants, some who are visiting representatives from Denmark. Janet will ask at the general meeting for someone to lead the trip. Barbara volunteered to assist. Some possible locations mentioned were Mica Bay, or the walk by the Post Falls Dam.

Reminders: *Earth Day*, April 22nd at the CDA Library.

International Migratory Bird Day May 20th at Blackwell Island. Carrie will be soliciting volunteers at the March meeting.

National Audubon Convention, July 14-17 in Park City, Utah. Early registration will begin March 15th.

March Program: *Speaker*; Lisa Manning, serves as the Lake Coeur d'Alene Waterkeeper for Kootenai Environmental Alliance. She will speak about her work as an advocate for clean water in the Lake Coeur d'Alene watershed.

Announcements; Sign-up sheets for Gray's Lake field trip, Hiway clean-up and solicit a guide for the Post Falls local business field trip.

Future Programs: Possible speakers for next year are Julie and Chuck Wimple, a program on their three week trip to Norway.

Ron Force to give a program on Madagascar or possibly Ethiopia.

Midge advised of Jim Lynn's request of a program on bird photography.

Suggested leaders could be Larry Krumpleman and Darlene Carlton.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar

