

AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2018

Attending: Midge Marcy-Brennan, Dick Cripe, Darlene Carlton, Suzanne Marshall, Janet Callen, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p. m.

Treasurer's Report: Janet reported a beginning balance of \$7,394.98 on July 1st, 2018. Expenses from 7/1-9/3 were: Postal Service, \$82.00, Peggy Albertson for mailings \$142.38, Allegra Printing for newsletters \$86.62. Income from 7/1-9/3: Interest \$.51, membership dues \$125.00, donation \$35.00. Balance on 9/3 is \$7,244.49 of which \$4,703.00 is Wren Grant and Kris Buchler donations. The Chapter CD amount is \$4,683.06.
The board will work on the 2018-2019 budget at the October board meeting. Janet passed around Mountain West Bank signature cards for the 2018-2019 officers to update.

OLD BUSINESS

Kris Bucher Donation: Fernan

Lake Natural Area: Ed Buchler and Janet Callen met with Coeur d'Alene Parks and Recreation during the summer. The agency will make the nature signs, but the chapter will select the birds and native plant subjects. Janet would like a member of the Native Plant Society to aid in the selection. Janet would like to have 2 more people on this committee and someone to volunteer as chair. Both Ed and Janet had concerns regarding the cutting of brush and trees for fire prevention that it may change the habitats for the flora and fauna. The city had no time line on this project.

Update on KEA Water

Quality Testing Equipment: Suzanne reported that KEA is not ready to begin their water quality testing at this time due to several involvement from various agencies. KEA is working with Waterkeepers of Lake Pend Oreille to ensure the test results meet IDEQ standards.

Chapter Calendars: Midge has received several nature photos from chapter members to use in the 2019 calendar that will be a chapter fundraiser. Midge received a quote from Action Printers of about \$7.00 to print a calendar. Midge will get a second quote from another printer. The board discussed printing 50 copies to sell.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt -A- Highway: In July, board members voted via email to continue litter pick-up on the same highway section of U S 95 for another two years.

Field Trip Request: In September, there will be a conference of OBGYN physicians at the CDA Resort. One of the physicians contacted Dick requesting a local birding trip on Sept. 26. A suggestion was made that Jenny Taylor might be a good leader. Dick will ask for any volunteers at the chapter meeting next week. Janet suggested Fernan Lake may be a good diverse birding spot. It was suggested that each participant make a \$10.00 donation to CDA Audubon.

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge: Dick advised that Malheur NWR needs financial support.

Their water system has to be repaired and the headquarter building needs a facelift. Total cost would be \$250,000. Dick will announce at the meeting how individuals can donate. Any action by the board was tabled until after the chapter meeting.

Chapter Insurance: It is time to renew the chapter insurance policy. Valerie will check with RV Nuccio and Associates as to the price of renewal. Midge moved if the price is the same or within a \$100.00 of the current price of \$438.00 to renew the policy. Darlene seconded and the motion passed.

Fred Meyer Rewards: Janet will send Shirley the information for the newsletter how members who shop at Fred Meyer can sign up to have a portion of their purchases donated to CDA Audubon.

Member Volunteer Hours: Midge will announce at the chapter meeting for all members to keep a record of their volunteer hours. These hours are recorded for the yearly chapter report sent to National Audubon.

Programs: Midge presented the list of speakers for the 2018-2019 programs except for March and April. In September, Ron Force will talk about his trip to Ethiopia. Midge also contacted Denver Holt of the Owl Research Institute in Montana. A staff member advised he would be available in March or April. Suzanne motioned to pay Denver \$350.00 in speaker costs, Darlene seconded and motion passed.

Field Trips: Dick advised that local bi-monthly field trips had not been well attended last year. The multi-day trips to farther locations had more participants. There was some discussion of reducing local field trips to one a month. Dick will ask for ideas regarding field trips at the chapter meeting. Any feedback will be reviewed by the field trip committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar