

**AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

**Attending:** Darlene Carlton, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Dick Cripe, Janet Callen, Lisa Clark, Ralph Kerr, Valerie Zagar

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p. m.

Midge mentioned to accept the January minutes, Ralph seconded, minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Income**, \$360.00, calendar sales and donations, \$442.20, Pilgrim's Market, "Enviro Token Dime at a Time" program, \$3.88, Fred Meyer Community Rewards program, \$.26, interest. **Disbursements**, \$17.72, Idaho Sales Tax, (from calendar sales), \$38.20, Allegra Printing.

**Checking account balance**, \$7,906.24.

Janet motioned that all future sales should include the base price and state sales tax. Example: Sale price should not be \$15.00, instead make it \$15.00 plus tax =\$15.90. Ralph seconded, motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Kris Buchler Nature Trail:** Janet a member of the board assist her with the Nature Trail Committee. Midge volunteered and Dick volunteered to accompany Janet on meetings with the city of Coeur d'Alene. Janet will create a committee e-mail address list. She will notify the group of a meeting the beginning of March. In the interim she would like to have participants start designing the nature trail signs and select bird species for the signs.

**Earth Day:** Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dick will ask Lynn Sheridan if she is willing to be in charge of the chapter's booth again this year. Midge volunteered to assist and suggested the chapter could raffle Dan Ratza's donation of a wood duck/owl nest box that he has built, (see New Business item).

**Migratory Bird Day:** International Migratory Bird Day is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Midge will check with Carrie Hugo to see if BLM is planning an event this year.

**Board Meeting Change:** Midge mentioned to have the chapter board meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p. m. at Panera Bread Sandwich Shop until further notice. Lisa seconded, motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nest Box Donation:** Dan Ratza emailed Shirley Sturts that he would like to donate a nest box he had built, suitable for wood ducks, saw whet and screech owls. The board discussed the possibility of having him speak at a chapter and could have his boxes for sale. Also, talked about various ways to use the box at events, (see Earth Day agenda item).

**McKee Acquisition Project:** Midge received a letter from David Leptich, an IDFG biologist requesting the CDA Audubon support of an acquisition of 110 acres of property belonging to the McKees. This property would secure river access on the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene behind the Smeltonville Airport for fishing and possibly wetland/riparian river restoration. Board members read a letter of support Midge had drafted. After discussion and review of maps and the rough draft narrative, Ralph motioned to send Midge's letter of support as written. Darlene seconded, motion passed. Janet suggested to have David speak on the restoration at a chapter meeting or plan a field trip to the area.

**Pioneer School Request:** Pioneer School requested an outing to Blackwell Island. Dick will follow up with Barbara Christofferson, Education Chair, regarding this request.

**Request Concerning Horned Larks:** Dick received an email from a fellow in British Columbia who is banding Horned Larks. The gentleman was asking about areas of Horned Lark populations. Dick will advise him with the various locations that were discussed by the board.

**NPR Study:** NPR is conducting a study of nesting Sandhill Cranes. A representative has reached out to Dick for information of where the cranes may be nesting. Dick will respond of possible areas that were mentioned by board members.

**Field Trips:** Due to weather conditions Dick has canceled the field trip to Heyburn State Park on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The CDA Bike Association asked Dick about a joint routing on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes the first Saturday in April. The board concluded it was a good idea. Dick will get back to the association to work out the details.

**Programs:** Midge announced George Saylor will be the speaker at the February chapter meeting. Brett Haverstick, Friends of the Clearwater, was supposed to speak, but had no update on the Nez Perce -Clearwater National Forest Plan. Since George was the speaker in March, there is no replacement program at this time. The board suggested Dan Ratza, Sneed Collard or David Leptich. Midge will pursue these suggestions. Denver Holt is confirmed for the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Zagar

