

AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2017

Attending: Janet Callen, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Eula Hickam, Peggy Albertson, Dick Cripe,
Kathy Cousins, Carrie Hugo, Valerie Zagar

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

Peggy motioned to approve the January minutes, Kathy seconded, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance is \$5,316.77. Income; \$885.25 from National Audubon, dues sharing. \$480.00 from membership annual dues. Checks; \$46.89 to State of Idaho Tax Commission for tax on coffee sales, \$42.33, Allegra Printing, \$200.00 Malheur Field Station, a donation the board approved via e-mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Signs: *Osprey signs;* Midge showed a new image of the Osprey Protection Sign that has a redesigned logo of CDA Audubon. The signs will be in black and white. CDA Audubon will donate the approved \$400.00 when requested by Wayne Melquist.

Car signs; Midge passed around an image of the new car sign using the redesigned logo. Janet suggested the local website be added to the signs. Peggy motioned to print 20 signs at \$16.97 each with the additional information of the website. Kathy seconded and motion passed.

Garage Sale: Janet spoke with a realtor regarding mall space for the garage sale. He advised that would probably not work for the sale. Janet decided to hold the garage sale at her home in Coeur d'Alene on May 6th.

Monthly Meeting Venue: Kathy reported that Idaho Fish & Game was not interested in signing a contract for use of their larger meeting rooms on a monthly basis. The Idaho Panhandle room, a smaller space could be used without an IDFG staff member and would require reserving in advance. It was decided to continue holding monthly meetings at Lutheran Church of the Master and use the IDFG facilities, only if needed.

Strategic Annual Plan: *Public Education,* Midge wrote a letter to the editor of the CDA Press in response to a recent photo of a bird collision. Carrie suggested the article could advise of what to do in a bird strike. Carrie asked for CDA Audubon participation in this year's International Migratory Bird Day. She will solicit volunteers at the March general meeting and write an article for the March newsletter.

Conservation, Kathy is gathering information regarding building of "catios". Kathy spoke with Derek Antonelli. He and his team will put together a pamphlet on native plants. Carrie advised she has one made and will send it to Kathy.

NEW BUSINESS

Bird by Bird Program: Carrie Hugo gave a presentation on the Bird by Bird school program. It was started by IDFG in Boise. Teachers educate students about birds with classroom interaction and field trips throughout the school year. A facilitator visits the classroom each month. Information gathered is entered in E-Bird. Carrie is a facilitator in a classroom at Mullan Trail Elementary. She would like to expand the program in Coeur d'Alene and asking CDA Audubon to sponsor a local classroom with a start-up kit and facilitator. The start-up kit consists of books, feeding equipment, seed, bird bath and perches. Cost is \$750.00. Valerie motioned to have CDA Audubon sponsor a local classroom for the start-up fee of \$750.00. The sponsorship would be for the 2017-2018 school year. Peggy seconded and motion passed. Eula and Barbara have expressed interest in being facilitators. Carrie has developed a curriculum for facilitators. Further information can be found at birdbybirdidaho.com.

Earth Day: Lynn has volunteered to help in the Earth Day event at the Coeur d'Alene Library along with Barbara Christofferson.

Young Birders Program at Cornell: Cornell Lab of Ornithology holds an annual event for young birders in Ithaca, N. Y. The tuition cost for four days is \$600.00 plus transportation costs. After some discussion the board decided to wait until next year to sponsor an interested high school age young birder.

Other: Lynn Sheridan has retired from the board, as of this month. Lynn has volunteered to continue to participate in this year's Earth Day and other events.

Programs: Speakers for the 2016-2017 year have been filled. Eula asked members to continue to look for speakers for next year.

February's speaker will be R J Baltierra, a "Young Birder Shares Experiences". R J is studying Zoology at Washington State University. Janet and Judy Waring is taking him to dinner before the program, all members are invited to join them.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar

