

AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2018

Attending: Eula Hickam, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Janet Callen, Valerie Zagar, No Quorum Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p. m.

Minutes from April meeting were approved with one change. Under New Board Members: "Midge announced Suzanne Marshall and Lisa Clark have accepted their nominations for members-at-large on the 2018-2019 board."

Treasurer's Report: Janet reported dues and donations of \$65.00 were received. Checks were distributed to Shirley Sturts of \$39.95 for internet costs, Allegra \$83.95 and Fed Ex \$160.26 for shipping of photographs from the 2017 National Audubon Photography Awards Exhibit. Check book balance is \$8,494.73.

OLD BUSINESS

Birdhouse Placements: The memorial birdhouses to Pat Bearman and Kris Buchler are in place at Cougar Bay Nature Conservancy and Roland Craft's is at Mica Bay.

Committee for Kris Buchler

Donation: Midge will ask at the chapter meeting for interested parties to join a committee to explore a possible educational nature trail along the Fernan Lake Natural Area or offer any suggestions of how the donation might be spent. Janet reported there will be a field trip to walk the Fernan Lake Nature trails on May 2 at 9:00 a. m. She also volunteered to be the liaison between the city of Coeur d'Alene and Audubon if the Fernan Lake site is chosen, but would not chair the committee.

Earth Day Report: Midge reported the Earth Day event at the Coeur d'Alene Library was well attended. She said it was a good experience for the chapter to participate with groups who have the same ideology for conservation. Lynn Sheridan was in charge of the display and Midge assisted her.

International Migratory

Bird Day: Midge reminded the board of the organizational meeting on May 7th at the BLM office. Volunteers will be able to sign up for manning the various stations. Audubon is in charge of the food table and will need a volunteer to set up the food table. Midge received a request from Carrie for a \$100.00-\$150.00 donation for items, (i.e. shirts, live bird display) for IMBD. This year the chapter had budgeted \$50.00 as last year's event was canceled. Since there was not a quorum present at the meeting, a motion was made and voted on via e-mail. The motion was made by Valerie to give Carrie an additional \$100.00 for IMBD, Eula seconded. The motion passed. See attached copy of electronic votes.

Officers and Chairs Duties: Midge advised a copy of the officer and chair duties will be kept

by the president and secretary.

Calendars: Midge will ask at the general meeting for any member to forward their photograph for a Coeur d'Alene Audubon 2019 Calendar. Midge emphasized this is not a competition. The plan is to have the calendars ready by October as they will be used as a 2018-2019 fundraiser for the chapter.

NEW BUSINESS

Windmill Bird Saver Donation: Midge received a request from Hunter Burrows, a ten year old from Sandpoint who is looking for funds to take his state winning invention for saving birds from wind generated blades to a national contest in Dearborn, Michigan. Due to no quorum present at the meeting, a motion was made by Eula to donate \$100.00 to help defray trip costs. Valerie seconded, the motion passed via board members voting electronically. See attached email from Midge.

KEA Donation Request: A request from chapter member, Russ Hersud for \$500.00 donation to KEA for water quality testing equipment was received by the board. The testing equipment would be used to test the monitoring of storm water runoff into Lake Coeur d'Alene, a potential threat to bird habitat. After discussion, Eula motioned to donate \$250.00 to KEA. The motion was not seconded. The request was tabled for further information at a special meeting before the May chapter meeting or hold a June board gathering.

Question, Trinidad Program: Shirley forwarded an email to the board she received from Peg Abbott of Caligo Ventures who was promoting a speaker on Trinidad and Tobago. Since the chapter recently had a program on these locations, it would be repetitive to pursue this offer at this time. Midge will advise the company we are not interested.

June Picnic: The chapter picnic will be held on June 12th at the Coeur d'Alene City Park. Midge sent in \$75.00 to the city to reserve the picnic shelter. As there was not a quorum present at the meeting, Valerie motioned to reimburse \$75.00 to Midge. Eula seconded and the motion passed electronically. See attached copy of electronic votes. Eula will bring coffee and there will be a short annual business meeting.

May Program: The speaker for the May program is Jeanne Dammarell, of Spokane Audubon. She will present her photographs of birds and insects and their habitats. Meeting announcements- conservation, field trips, IMBD and the June picnic.

Church Donation: Janet will mail the budgeted donation \$250.00 to Lutheran Church of the Master for the use of their facility during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p. m.

