

Audubon Board Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p. m.

Midge motioned to accept the April minutes, Suzanne seconded, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: **Income;** \$.10, interest, **Disbursements;** \$350.00, Denver Holt, April speaker fee, \$39.95, internet cost, \$110.00, Peggy Albertson, stamps, \$54.81, Allegra Printing. **Balance** as of 5/4/2019, \$2,532.42. Suzanne motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Midge seconded, report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Kris Buchler Nature Trail

Update: Janet contacted the City Forester to set a time for a walk on the nature trail with him. As of this meeting time he had not responded. She would also like to have a timeline of the city's fire suppression project. Janet may also contact the city personnel in charge of trails to see if a walk could be arranged before the end of May. Dick hiked the trail recently and was concerned with safety issues on part of the trail. Janet announced the theme for her sign would be Woodpeckers, featuring the Northern Flicker, Pileated and Hairy Woodpeckers.

Earth Day: Midge shared a photo of the CDA Audubon display at the Earth Day Celebration at the library on April 28th. The display was manned by Midge and Lynn Sheridan. The booth consisted of a continuous Power Point of obstacles for birds, examples of nests, eggs and tangled Monofilament fishing line. Four birdhouses were raffled off for \$25.00.

Migratory Bird Day: Dick voiced concerns regarding Audubon chapter's role in the Migratory Bird Day event organized by Carrie Hugo of BLM. After discussion the consensus was that better communication was needed. It was suggested Carrie attend a chapter meeting to advise of the date and what is involved for chapter volunteers. The event will not occur this year, but due to the timeliness of the topic on plastic pollution, Carrie had earlier requested funds to purchase supplies that may not be available next year. Midge made a motion to give Carrie \$200.00 of the \$500.00 the board had approved in March, (see 3/5/2019 minutes), to purchase materials that may not be available next year. If there is no Migratory Bird Day event in 2020, the monies would be reimbursed. Ralph seconded and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

June Picnic, June 11th: Various locations of where to hold the picnic were discussed. After

several possibilities were mentioned, Dick will email the contacts for Cherry Hill, Higgins Point and Mica Bay. Based on his findings, he will send out an email to the board to vote on the location.

Sound System for Speakers: Suzanne will arrange for a trial sound system for the September chapter meeting.

2019-2020 Fundraiser: Janet suggested that a fundraiser was needed for next year. After some discussion, Valerie moved to have a garage sale as a fundraiser at Janet's in September. Suzanne seconded and motion passed. An announcement will be made at the May meeting and June picnic to save items for the sale.

Mica Bay Platform: It was brought to Dick's attention that the viewing platform and trail at Mica Bay are in need of repair. There was consideration of organizing a work day. Dick will check with George Saylor and Rob Kroese regarding supplies.

Education Update: Barbara Christofferson is resigning from the board, but will continue as chair of Education. She asked Midge to solicit volunteers for an educational program about birds she is presenting to 7th graders on May 21st at Cherry Hill. The event is from 10-2 and needs volunteers to help identify birds with a scope and aid in hands-on activities. Dick advised he would assist.

Wolf Lodge Bay Re-zoning: Midge received a note from Janie Veltkamp, a Raptor Biologist advising of a proposed commercial re-zoning at Lake Coeur d'Alene and Mineral Ridge. This zone change could raise several potential environmental concerns and wanted to alert the Audubon chapter of an upcoming public hearing on May 16th. Midge has sent an email to the County Commissioners outlining how this change could affect the salmon population which in turn would alter the attraction of the Bald Eagles. Midge will also forward the information to Mike Patrick at the CDA Press.

Future Programs: Sneed Collard, author of "Warblers and Woodpeckers"
Ron Force, "Birding in Florida"

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar

