

Audubon Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 2021

Attending: Patricia Beyer, Dick Cripe, Pam Gomes, Ralph Kerr, Ted Smith
Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

October 12, 2021 meeting minutes approved by the board via email in October.

Treasurer's Report: Income: dues \$295, National Audubon \$130, interest \$0.06

Expenditures: Alegria \$40.25, Patricia Beyer (Zoom fees)
\$149.90, RVNA (insurance) \$438

Balances on 10/1/2021: \$10,812.76, **11/9/2021** \$10,609.67

Ralph is looking at our insurance cost and coverage. He will investigate options for possible updating and report back.

Pam motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Ted seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

Dick Cripe update on Kris Buchler Memorial Sign Project: Progress is still quite slow. Ed Buchler talked with Carrie Hugo from BLM about the Blue Creek area but still no news yet. Dick will check back with Ed and suggestions were made to explore more options besides informational signs in memory of Kris.

Gertie Hanson Mica Bay Observation Deck Sign: Pam had emailed Custom Den with suggested changes to their sample but has not heard back yet. Custom Den was in the process of moving their operations and Pam was gone for 3 weeks. Pam will check in with them, email the board with the final sample then get the sign and adhesive ordered.

Mica Bay Observation Deck: Ralph was working to verify the ownership of the land where the observation deck is located. After the meeting Ted was able to verify that the platform is on Idaho Fish and Game property. Further work will be done to check on some trees of concern near the trails and platform.

Bylaws Revision: Ralph has read through the bylaws, Pam and Patricia will read them from the website. The group meet Nov. 18 to determine if there is a need for any changes (especially relating to technology) and report back.

Birding Backpack Project at the Library: Pam has been in contact with Char Beach at the CdA Library. The library would like to create one adult and one kid's backpack that could be checked out, each with a sturdy pair of binoculars, identification books, and materials to help beginning birders in knowing where to go, what to look for and resources to seek out more information. There was discussion about possible books and materials. Pam suggested more ideas be emailed to her and she will keep the board informed on progress, future meetings and details. Pam will email with details for final approval before the funds are committed to the library. Janet Callen, Cathy Kraus, and Peggy Schnell have also offered to help on the project. Ted moved to contribute up to \$500 for the project, Pam seconded and motion was passed.

Field Trips: Ted is leading 2 upcoming field trips, both on Mondays. Nov. 15 will be at the NIC beach on identifying gulls and Nov. 29 to Higgins Point to look at waterfowl and eagles, Loons and Red-necked grebes have been seen there recently. He would like interested attendees to call him so he will know who is coming and be able to advise on any changes.

Treasurer: Janet Callen would like to resign as treasurer effective June 30, 2022. Ralph has asked for ideas on a replacement and will continue to the search.

New Business

Future Audubon Meetings: With the continuing high numbers of Covid19 infections in our community it was decided to err on the side of caution and not meet in person for the December meeting. Ralph has speakers for some future meetings but is interested in ideas. Some speakers don't wish to host meetings on Zoom, some do.

Grant Possibilities: Ralph has learned about some possible grants but further action was tabled for now. The Birding Backpacks project might be one to be expanded on if it is successful.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Pam suggested starting future board meetings at 4 or 4:30 to allow the board a bit more time for dinner before the regular meeting begins at 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Gomes