

**AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

Attending: Darlene Carlton, Eula Hickam, Dick Cripe, Jim Lynn, Peggy Albertson, Lynn Sheridan, Kathy Cousins, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Janet Callen, Barbara Christofferson, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p. m.

Kathy motioned to accept October minutes, Darlene seconded, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance is \$5,290.97, this includes dues and donations totaling \$355.00 and \$.17 interest. Checks: Allegra Printing, \$42.33. Janet filed the 990N.

Valerie volunteered to remain as the club's Registered Agent for another year.

Janet received a reminder of insurance renewal, due November 11, 2016.

Eula motioned to renew the policy with RV Nuccio up to a cost of \$1,000.00, Kathy seconded and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Reel-in/Recycle: Article on CDA Audubon's project was in the October 20, edition of the CDA Press. Phil Cooper will run a column on the project in the spring at the start of fishing season.

Computer Equipment: Midge purchased a hard case on wheels, extension cord and screen for the chapter's computer equipment. Total bill was \$106.17.

Blue Creek Bay Tour: On November 1, Carrie Hugo representing BLM gave eight Audubon members a tour of the areas included in BLM's proposal to expand recreational opportunities and a fire suppression plan for the Blue Creek Bay surroundings. At the board meeting Midge asked for anyone to submit their statements to her and she would send in comments on behalf of CDA Audubon to BLM. NOTE; Kathy Cousins abstained from any discussion on this topic.

Field Trips: Jim reported the Cranberry Bog trip was canceled as no one attended due to inclement weather. It was suggested future bog outings be scheduled earlier in the month. November 12th is the Mineral Ridge, Wolf Lodge Bay field trip. The Kootenai County Christmas Bird Count is December 15th. A five-day trip to Gray's Lake in southern Idaho after Memorial Day is in the planning stage.

Chair Reports: *Education:* Barbara is in the process of recruiting schools for the Audubon Adventure program. Barbara is looking into partnering with BLM with their "adopt a classroom", using a bird's view curriculum.

Membership: Peggy reported she is still receiving annual membership dues.

Programs: Eula suggested a possible future program on hummingbirds using the DVD from the "Nature" television series. She also

advised of the free subscription online of "Bird Notes", as a good birding resource.

President: Midge reported on her attendance of the Washington Audubon Council that met in Wenatchee last month. After hearing other Washington chapters' involvement in conservation and miscellaneous projects, she said she was proud of CDA's many undertakings for such a small group. CDA was one of many chapters that had the same concerns with National's record keeping of membership, but that seemed to be improving. The closure of the Missoula Regional Office was also a concern. Approximately, 300 were in attendance and Midge found it to be very informative.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction to Fish & Game Facility: The board met in a conference room at Idaho Fish & Game facility on Kathleen Avenue. After the meeting Kathy took the attendees on a tour of new community meeting rooms. There is one large room that holds 392 people. The room can be divided into two smaller areas, one having the capacity of over 150 and the other over 200. The board is looking into possible alternate meeting venues.

Programs: November's program will be "Everything You Wanted to Know About Building a Bluebird Trail". Jim and Sheelagh Lynn will talk about their creation of their trail in Athol. Eula will bring her computer and projector.

Future programs: December, "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Christmas Bird Count", possibly an open forum format.

January, "Klamath Wildlife Refuge", Suzanne Marshall

February, The speaker will be Richard Baltierra, an ornithology student at the University of Idaho. Plans were discussed to contact schools and scout troops to attract a younger audience.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar

