

Audubon Board Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2017

Attending: Peggy Albertson, Janet Callen, Eula Hickam, Darlene Carlton, Kathy Cousins,
Midge Marcy-Brennan, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p. m.

Minutes of March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Check distributions: Midge Marcy-Brennan, \$359.76 for chapter magnetic car signs, Shenango \$400.00 donation for "caution" signs for nesting Ospreys, Idaho Central Credit Union, \$4,630.00 chapter CD transfer from Mountain West Bank, Idaho Central Credit Union, \$30.00 membership fee, Allegra Printing, \$51.09. Income: Sale of individual chapter car signs, \$40.00, pre- garage sale book sale, \$40.00, National Audubon Vendor Pay, \$50.00, interest of \$.22. Ending checking account balance of \$4,434.85. As approved at last month's board meeting, Janet withdrew the chapter CD at Mountain West Bank. Ending balance was \$4,626.37. A fee of \$4.73 was assessed for early withdrawal, leaving an ending balance of \$4,621.64.

OLD BUSINESS

Garage Sale: The chapter garage sale will be held May 6th, 2017 in Janet Callen's garage, 1392 W. Ocean Ave, Coeur d'Alene. Items for sale may be dropped off at her home on May 2nd and 3rd. Preparations for the sale will May 4th and 5th. The sale times are from 8:00 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturday, May 6th. Janet will write an article for Coeur d'Alene Press and Lynn Sheridan will submit it. Janet will contact Idaho Youth Ranch to pick up the leftover sale items.

Strategic Annual Plan: *Public Education*, Midge resent her article regarding the photo of a bird collision to Mike Patrick at the Coeur d'Alene Press. He advised her the article should be in the weekend copy.

Conservation, Kathy has contacted an Eagle Scout Troop to construct the Catio, but they are 5th and 6th graders and she would prefer older scouts. Eula advised her to contact Troop 3 and to check with the Boy Scout office on Government Way in Hayden. Kathy displayed copies of DIY plans from the Internet. Depending on the complexity of the Catio, cost of materials are in the range of \$300.00 each. She is looking into one plan of Catio that the scouts would build the panels and the new owner could make the Catio as small or large as needed.

Earth Day: Midge gave Janet the Exhibitor Registration form to submit with \$100.00 for

a booth at the Earth Day event at the Coeur d'Alene Library. Barbara and Lynn will be manning the chapter's booth.

International Migratory Bird Day: Carrie Hugo will have an organizational meeting at the BLM office on Kathleen Ave. on April 17th at 3 p. m.

National Audubon Convention: The National Audubon Convention will be held in Park City, UT. on July 14-17, 2017. Barbara and Wayne Christofferson will be attending. Eula motioned that the chapter pay the registration fee for two adults up to \$720.00, (a single adult fee is \$360.00), with the stipulation that the attendees give a presentation on their time at convention to the general chapter membership. Valerie seconded and the motion passed.

Field Trip Request: Janet emailed Kara Fellow at ALK Sourcing asking for a date for the requested guided field trip. Janet so far has had no response from Kara.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Hanson's Property: On March 14th, board members, Peggy, Janet, Eula, Midge, Dick and Valerie met with local Audubon member, Jerry Hanson. Jerry was requesting help with ridding a portion of his property at Mica Bay of invasive plants and replace them with a more native riparian habitat. Also, Jerry was interested in applying for matching funds through a grant from the Idaho Fish & Game Wildlife Foundation. The grant could not be submitted by an individual but by an organization. Jerry advised he would invest \$5,000.00 and request matching funds from the grant of \$5,000.00. Jerry was asking for the chapter's help in submitting the grant and any help with permits and any advice on the invasive plants, most troublesome, Canary Grass. The grant has to be submitted by May 1 and the project would have to be completed by December 31, 2018. Midge suggested he contact Kathy Cousins for her expertise with working with wetland restoration. Jerry advised he would contact the Army Corp of Engineers for cost assessments.

UPDATE: At this board meeting, Kathy reported she had met with Jerry and advised him on how to get rid of Canary Grass and the best time of year for construction, seeding and planting for this project. Due to weather conditions the Army Corps of Engineers was unable to assess Jerry's property. Jerry will miss the deadline for this year's IDFG Wildlife Foundation grant. Jerry thanked the board for listening and Kathy's expertise. He will update us if further assistance is needed from our chapter.

April Meeting: Catherine Temple will speak at the April Meeting on the “Art of Birding”. Catherine is a wildlife artist and birdwatcher. She will talk about her art process and show photos and paintings of her work.
Midge will make announcements on the chapter’s garage sale, Earth Day, IMBD and field trips.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar