

## **Audubon Board Meeting Minutes February 2, 2016**

**Attending:** Peggy Albertson, Eula Hickam, George Saylor, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Janet Callen, Jim Lynn, Barbara Christofferson, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p. m. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janet reported a checking account balance of \$11,639.46. That amount includes a check from Mary Lou Reed for Audubon Adventures for \$6,295.15 that will be paid to National Audubon. Janet advised the CD was rolled over to the next term.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Audubon Adventures:** Barbara reported 127 classrooms had signed up for the Audubon Adventures program. Many thanks to Mary Lou Reed for her continuing generous monetary support!

**Norcross Grant:** George will contact Carrie and they will research purchasing a laptop, projector and software. George asked if there is any money left over if the chapter should purchase a microphone. The purchase of a screen was also discussed. The board agreed on using any remaining money to purchase those items.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Toilet Pipe Project:** Eula received an e-mail from Linda Bernhardt, a U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Technician in Sandpoint. She is submitting a proposal to place screening vents on approximately 120 pit toilets in the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. The screen caps would prevent birds from falling into the vent pipes. If the project should be approved, Linda was asking for CDA Audubon to be a partner in helping to install the screens. Midge motioned to have the chapter participate as a partner, Peggy seconded and the motion carried.

**Anniversary Dinner:** The chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner will be April 17, 2016. Several ideas were discussed on the format of the auction and display of historical photos. Jim motioned the ticket price to be \$40.00. Valerie seconded and the motion passed. Eula will send the ticket information to George who will print the tickets and have them available for purchase at the February general meeting.

**Education Planning Committee:** Eula suggested the chapter should have an education committee to bring nature programs into local schools. Barbara volunteered to work on the committee and solicit additional members.

**June Picnic:** The picnic date was set for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Various locations were discussed that might be a large enough venue. George will check with Carrie regarding user fees for a BLM facility.

**Butterfly Meeting:** A presentation of the new chapter of the Washington Butterfly Association is at the Spokane Public Library, Main Branch on February 16 from 6:00 -7:30 p. m. Eula will ask at the general meeting if anyone is interested in attending.

**2016-2017 Board Members:** Eula will announce at the general meeting if there is anyone interested in becoming a board member. The request will also be in future chapter Newsletters.

**Earth Day:** The board discussed how much of a presence the chapter should have at this year's Earth Day event. It was decided some type of program on birds would be one way to participate. The board will ask Lynn if she is willing to participate again this year. Eula will also ask at the general meeting for interested volunteers.

**Osprey Signs:** Carrie has asked the chapter for their support of a BLM project on Osprey signs. The board tabled further discussion until George gets more information from Carrie.

**Other:** Midge offered to purchase reusable cups for refreshments at the monthly meetings to help conserve on disposable waste.

As Conservation chair, Midge is drafting a letter on the importance of public lands that could be sent as an individual or as a group to a State of Idaho Representative.

**February Program:** Birding the Pribilof Islands, a travel log presentation by Kris Buchler.

*Equipment-* Eula will provide a microphone

*Refreshments-* Ellie, the new Hospitality Chair will bring refreshments

*Poem of the Month-* Kris Buchler

*Announcements-* **Janet** is seeking a partner in planning field trips

**Eula** will ask for interested parties to attend the Washington Butterfly Association Meeting, Volunteers for Earth Day and becoming a board member

**George** will announce sale of anniversary dinner tickets

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Zagar