

Audubon Board Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2021 Attending: Pat Beyers, Dick Cripe, Pam Gomes, Ralph Kerr, Ted Smith Meeting called to order at 4:57 p.m.. Pat motioned to accept the May meeting minutes, Ted seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Income: \$755.08 (deposit on 9/15/2021) - Expenditures: Alegria Printing \$104.99, Peggy Albertson \$128, Web Networks \$162 Balance on 9/15/2021: \$10,415.17 - Pat motioned to accept, Pam seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

Dick Cripe: update on Kris Buchler Memorial Sign Project: There was a meeting with Carrie Hugo earlier this summer at Blue Creek Bay to talk about signs at the BLM property. She has been very busy and will get back to us near the end of September. The Blue Creek Bay property has few improvements at this point. It was also suggested that Blackwell Island or the picnic area at Mica Bay might be alternatives. The progress of the project to honor Kris has been a very slow one and the pandemic has not helped. The plan was to have signs about birds installed first on a trail overlooking Fernan Lake, then at Farragut State Park and Higgins Point. Pam and Dick will meet to consider coming up with an alternative plan to signs.

June Picnic: The group felt it went well and was nice to get together. The Board wished to express our appreciation on the fine work of outgoing secretary Valerie Zagar.

Gertie Hanson Mica Bay Observation Deck Sign: The original brass memorial sign was taken from the site and our group wishes to replace it. Pam checked on replacements, the Custom Den in Riverstone has several different materials available (from UV protected plastics that look like metals to actual metals), she will stop by and look at the options. The cost would range from about \$40 to \$75. Ralph and Ted plan to go to Mica Bay to look at possible maintenance on the deck and measure the sign post for size.

Bylaws Revision: Ralph has read through the bylaws, Pam and Pat will read them from the website. The group will see if there is a need for any changes.

Kid's Birding Project at the Library: Pam will check on this.

New Business

With the rising numbers of Covid19 infections in our community and patients at Kootenai Health it was decided to err on the side of caution and not meet in person for the October meeting. Pat no longer has a Zoom account but she will check on the cost of a Zoom account for Audubon. It looks like we will be holding more Zoom meetings again this winter. Pam motioned that if the cost was less than \$200 CdA Audubon should cover the cost of the Zoom membership, Ted seconded, motion passed.

Ralph has speakers for October and November but is interested in ideas. Ted has a friend that is a moth expert in Spokane and he also offered to speak on the Sonoran Desert area.

Field Trips: Ted expressed the difficulty in having enough participants this year for field trips. Covid has made travel and carpooling difficult. The board felt his idea for a Skagit Valley trip in February sounded interesting, he will ask at the meeting tonight to see if there is interest.

Officers/Board Members: We can still use some additional board members and have open spots for officers.

Janet Callen Letter: Janet submitted a letter with information on financial matters for the club such as the location of the bank account, etc.. She intends to be treasurer for another year and would then like to retire.

Publicity: Pat had contacted Mike Patrick at the CdA Press and an article was printed. Dick offered to submit another for the fall, possibly on migration and then another during the winter.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Gomes