

## AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2015

**Attending:** George Saylor, Eula Hickam, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Darlene Carlton, Janet Callen, Lynn Sheridan, Peggy Albertson, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p. m.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Midge moved to accept March 3, 2015 minutes. Peggy seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janet reported a balance of \$5,103.35 in the checking account. Total amount is \$9,710.03 between checking and CD. Yard sale proceeds totaled \$1,017.49. Janet filed the 2013-2014 990N with the IRS. Janet will send a \$200.00 check to WREN for a previously approved pledge. The donation will go towards the purchase of 3 interpretive signs at the newly developed native plant garden at Blackwell Island. Midge made a motion to give \$300.00 toward the Roger Young Memorial of the Osprey webcams at McEuen Park, if donations are still being accepted. Peggy seconded and motion passed. George will check with the committee organizers to see if donations are still being accepted. If so, Janet will send the check to the designated recipients.

**April Meeting:** The speaker will be Jessica Pollock, a research biologist from the Intermountain Bird Observatory. She will speak about her hummingbird banding project. The chapter will pay her expenses. George will bring a large screen. Posters were distributed around the Coeur d'Alene area. The Spokane Audubon and Native Plant Societies have been notified.

There will be no Raffle, Bird, Poem or Book of the Month.

*Announcements-* George will announce a Bikes, Blooms and Birds field trip along the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes in May.

Lynn will speak about the upcoming Earth Day event at the Coeur d'Alene Library.

### Old Business

**Fundraiser/projects:** *Coffee-* George will take orders for Birds and Beans Coffee for one more month.

*Reel In & Recycle-* George showed a sample of a completed mono-filament fishing line recycle bin. Materials for five bins cost about \$287.00. Peggy, Carrie and George will follow up with the various agencies regarding installation at the chosen fishing sites.

**Chapter Insurance:** Valerie gave a brief overview of the chapter's insurance policy

from R. V. Nuccio & Associates, Inc. The chapter has Liability Plus and Accident Medical Plus types of coverage. Janet suggested that each field trip driver carry the chapter's business card with the insurance contact information and policy number on the back. Valerie will write more about the policy in an upcoming chapter newsletter.

**Laptop Computer:** Janet made a motion for CDA Audubon to purchase a laptop computer using chapter funds instead of applying for a grant. Peggy seconded, motion passed with one dissention. George will bring cost options to the next board meeting.

### **New Business**

**Earth Day:** Lynn announced she will be hosting a booth at the Earth Day program at the CDA Library on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3 p.m. She will ask at the membership meeting for volunteers to help set-up the day before the event. Lynn showed a sample of a Mountain Bluebird mobile that she will give to the children. Lynn asked Peggy to create a poster stating how the Mountain Bluebird became Idaho's State Bird. Another handout will show how to make a Bluebird nesting box. George will donate a sample display of a Fish & Game box.

**Board Input:** *Lynn-* At the Yard Sale a resident of Coeur d'Alene brought samples of a nesting box he had made from recycled plastic molds. The door on the box was made of transparent plastic. After some discussion, the board decided it was not a good design and the plastic material could easily overheat and suffocate the birds.

*Eula* reported she had driven out to Bunco Road in Athol to check out the newly installed Bluebird Trail by Jim and Sheelagh Lynn.

*George* will present a program for Audubon at the Hayden Library on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Zagar

