

udubon Board Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2022

Attending via Zoom: Patty Beyer, Dick Cripe, Pam Gomes, Ralph Kerr, (Ralph and Ted Smith had talked via telephone earlier in the day as Ted was unexpectedly not going to be able to attend this evening. Ralph will be relaying Ted's comments on the agenda items for this meeting). Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Patty moved to accept the February minutes, Pam seconded, motion passed.

Due to birdwatching travel plans of two board members there was not a March or early April board meeting.

Treasurers Report:

February: Income- Dues \$160, Interest- \$0.08, Nat'l Audubon \$885.25, Kroger \$26.64

Expenditures- Allegra Printing \$47.90

Balance as of 2/28/2022
\$11,250.71

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Old Business

Kris Buchler Memorial Signs:
The committee has again met with representatives from the

Friends of Tubbs Hill and is working with the City Of CdA to design and install educational signs at the east entrance to Tubbs Hill. Right now the signs are in the design process with the hope that they will be installed this summer. The sign topics are tentatively Seasonal Bird use of Tubbs Hill, The Importance of Snags, Competition Between Species, and the importance of staying on the trail. There is money for these signs from donations in memory of Kris and the WREN Foundation. The committee has asked that if the cost of the signs exceeds this amount, would the board consider allocating additional funds if the signs were also approved by the board. This would be considered when the designs and bids are finalized. The project is now moving along well and it will be a pleasure to see them installed.

We will need to check on a good, digital image of our logo for the signs.

Gertie Hanson Plaque: The replacement plaque has been created by Custom Den and will

be installed when the weather warms up. It is a plastic sign with a metal like finish that will hopefully not be taken.

Mica Bay Viewing Platform:

The trail and platform both need maintenance. A work party will be formed to start this soon.

New Treasurer needed:

Treasurer Janet Callen is resigning as of June 30, 2022. Patty moved that a Nominating Committee be formed, Pam seconded, motion passed.

A Nominating Committee for both Treasurer and Vice President was formed consisting of Patty Beyer, Dick Cripe, Pam Gomes, and Ralph Kerr. Patty will have this information emailed to the members asking for any nominations for these positions. Committee members will be glad to talk with any interested applicants and will also seek out interested members.

Library Birding Backpack and Earth Day Fair update- The events on April 21 at the CdA Library went well. George

Sayler presented a program for adults while Char Beach and Pam Gomes led a children's program with stories, activities, crafts, discussion, and snacks. Attendees seemed interested and enjoyed both programs. There has been interest at the Library in the backpacks and they have been popular so far.

Pam Gomes organized assembling 100 kits for Earth Day for kids to take home and create 2 pine cone bird feeders. She and Peggy Albertson worked to assemble them (with Ron Gomes called to help finish). Pam and Ralph Kerr set up the Audubon table on April 23 and were there from 9-2. It was an enjoyable day visiting with people about birds, interacting with kids, and sharing information about our group and the birding backpacks as area libraries.

Bylaws update: Ralph has shared his updates (primarily rewording about technology) and the group will review and finalize them before June.

New Business

Future Programs- May 10 Bird of Prey NW will be a program

featuring live birds of prey and information about their work and future plans. Janie has had a long history of helping injured birds of prey, writing books, and holding educational events in our area. This should be an interesting program.

Patty moved to donate up to \$400 for the program as Birds of Prey NW exists due to donations and the hot summer of 2021 brought them many birds in stress, Pam seconded, motion passed.

June 14 will be our **annual picnic** at **Blackwell Island** boat launch. Ralph will present the business part of the meeting quickly, including nominations and election of Treasurer and Vice President.

Fall programs ideas are being sought. One meeting will focus on Plastics in our Oceans and Ted Smith will present a program on birding in the SW.

Field Trips- Ted Smith plans to continue holding the monthly Mica Bay Surveys, contact him if you are interested. More field trip plans will announced soon.

Donations and Projects: It was discussed that our group would like to use some of the funds in our account to promote education and conservation projects. We hope that some members would like to participate in forming a

committee to study this idea and make recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Gomes