

Audubon Board Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2016

Attending: George Saylor, Midge Marcy-Brennan, Lynn Sheridan, Eula Hickam, Janet Callen, Barbara Christofferson, Valerie Zagar

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p. m. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Janet reported a checking account balance of \$11,747.02, which includes the check from the Margaret W. Reed Foundation that will be paid to National for the Audubon Adventures program.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Earth Day: Board members approved via email correspondence to be a sponsor at the Earth Day event at the Coeur d'Alene Library on April 24th. Lynn is heading up the committee and will send in the \$100.00 check and paperwork. Barbara will send a flyer about the event to the schools participating in the Audubon Adventures program.

Toilet Pipe Project: Linda Bernhardt from the U. S. Forest Service advised Eula that no decision has been made on the grant request for the project. She will continue to keep the chapter updated on the progress of the project.

Purchase of Program Equipment: George reported on his research of various brands of equipment. He and Carrie will purchase items at Costco. He concluded that the chapter could purchase a laptop for approximately \$700.00, the projector for \$400.00 and a microphone for \$100.00-\$125.00. A suggestion was made to purchase an extension cord. Carrie made the suggestion to George to purchase a scanner if there is any leftover funds.

Anniversary Dinner: At the time of the meeting, five tickets had been sold for the dinner. George passed around a sign-up sheet for board members to participate on one of the committees. A basket of bird/nature related prints and other articles was suggested as a third auction item.

Education Planning Committee: Eula gave a description of what she envisioned for this committee. She would like to see more programs presented to local school children, also coordinating programs with Carrie Hugo, who does presentations through BLM. Barbara volunteered to be on the committee and Eula will ask Kris Buchler if she would also participate.

June Picnic: Eula will check on the cost to rent space at Coeur d'Alene City Park for the picnic.

Butterfly Meeting: Eula reported there were four chapter members and a guest who attended the informational meeting of the newly formed Spokane Chapter of the Washington Butterfly Association.

2016-2017 Board Members: The board discussed various means to recruit new board members and officers for next year. Eula will start to set up programs for next year to help the newly elected president.

Seating Arrangement: A suggestion had been made to the board to remove the tables at the general meeting to create more room. Eula advised that would require additional volunteers to come early to remove the tables. Some board members felt the tables were convenient for coffee cups and other items. It was decided to leave the seating arrangement as is for now.

OTHER BUSINESS

Field Trips: Janet has had no one volunteer to help her with field trip planning.

Janet will not be available to make arrangements for chapter members to attend Beginning Bird ID classes at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge in May.

Wolves: Janet wanted to bring attention to an article she found on the U. S Department of Agriculture killing wolves from helicopters. The USDA is doing this to reduce predation of wolves on ranchers' cattle.

March Program: "Philippine Eagles"- Joe and Cordi Atkinson will speak about their work with the endangered Philippine Eagle.

Equipment- Eula will bring the projector and microphone

Refreshments- Ellie Emm will provide the refreshments

Announcements- **George** will remind attendees to purchase tickets and meal requests for the Anniversary Dinner

Also updates regarding the Malheur Field Trip

Janet will give a "sales pitch" for board members/officers

Mike Zagar will announce correct date of the hiway clean-up and pass around the IDOT sign-up sheet

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Zagar

