

AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2015

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

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

March Meeting: Phil Cooper, Wildlife Conservation Educator and Craig Walker, Regional Conservation Officer with Idaho Fish and Game will speak about their work in Wildlife Law Enforcement.

Announcements- Mike Zagar will have a sign-up sheet for the Spring Highway Litter Pick-up on April 11th.

-George will distribute the current order of Birds & Beans coffee and pass around a sign-up sheet for the next order.

-Kris Buchler will lead a field trip on March 14th at the Nature Conservancy trail at Cougar Gulch. Meegan Corcoran, a reporter for Nspire Magazine will join us. She is writing an article about the Cougar Bay Preserve and wanted information about the birds and other fauna on the property.

Poem- In lieu of a poem, George will play a CD of bird songs for kids.

Refreshments- Darlene

Old Business

Minutes of Last Meeting: Lynn made a motion to accept February 3, 2015 minutes. Darlene seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Valerie motioned to have Eula Hickam, President, George Saylor, Vice-President, and Janet Callen, Treasurer as the persons authorized to sign checks and have access to the chapter's Certificate of Deposit. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
Janet reviewed the chapters' records and is checking with the IRS as to whether the chapter has filed the 990N form for tax exempt organizations for the past two years. There was no treasurer's report as Janet was waiting for the bank statement.

Fundraiser/projects: *Coffee-* George reported an approximate profit of \$125.00 YTD on coffee sales.
Bird a Thon- Eula announced the Bird a Thon will take place Saturday, June 6th.
Yard Sale- Lynn had a committee meeting and assignments were given to each member. Lynn has contacted Carrie to make advertisement posters. Free raffle tickets will be given to each person attending the event. There will be one adult and one children's basket given away. The sale is from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21st at Lutheran Church of the Master. Items for the sale will be accepted after 2:30p.m. Friday, March 20th. Next committee meeting will be at the church, Monday, March 9th.

Reel In & Recycle Program- George contacted Carrie Hugo to set up the date for construction of the recycle bins. It will be March 13th at the Idaho Fish and Game facility with Pete Gardner. Time is yet to be determined. George will coordinate gathering the needed materials. George reported Kootenai County Waterways did not agree to placement of any bins at their sites, Hauser, Fernan and Spirit Lakes. The board was still in favor of finding acceptable places for setting up a total of five bins.

New Business

Courtesy on Birding Trips: Eula will ask Kris Buchler if she would present a brief talk on wildlife viewing etiquette at the March membership meeting.

Ideas for Conservation Projects: Last month the board was tasked with bringing conservation project ideas to this month's meeting. The following ideas were suggested: Beginning birding classes; sponsor an urban garden; scholarship to a nature camp; support for IBA; participate in Earth Day; make more magnetic signs to place on cars; conservation futures; birders bench and spotting scope by Independence Point; work with native plant society; bird viewing in public areas such as Jewett House; continue the Reel in & Recycle program.

Board Input: Eula asked the board if they were interested in having the chapter participate in the International Migratory Bird Day event again this year and if so a planning committee would have to be organized. The board agreed we should participate and will check with Carrie to see if we will partner with BLM.

-Peggy gave out posters advertising Jessica Pollock, the speaker for the April meeting.

-Jim reported that he and Sheelagh are putting up a Bluebird Trail on Bunco Road. Jim advised Pete Gardner of Idaho Fish & Game had donated 26 boxes for the project.

Eula will send a note to Pete thanking him for his generous donation.

-Jim proposed field trips by kayak on local area lakes. He also volunteered to be on the field trip committee.

-Darlene offered the idea of making CDA Audubon T-shirts. Midge volunteered to work on the design.

-George volunteered to lead a day trip, "Birds, Blooms and Bikes" along the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes sometime in May.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. |

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Zagar