

McHenry County Audubon Board Minutes

April 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Stacy Iwanicki at 7:03PM

Present: Stacy Iwanicki, President; Lisa Maier, Vice President; Jeff Aufmann, Treasurer; Fred Durrenberg, Secretary; John Schroeder, ISA Representative; Doug Crane, Immediate Past President; Tami Zuck, At Large; Rob Gough, At Large; Amanda Parrish, At Large, Kelly MacDonald, At Large; Jessica Bickham, At Large; Nikhil Kumaranayagam, At Large.

Absent: Diane Brokaw.

The February 23, 2018 meeting were approved. It was moved by Amanda and seconded by Lisa. The motion was carried

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Jeff. The bank balance as of April 23, 2018 was \$14,590.80. Income was \$12,338.00 and the expenses were \$8,900.97. Motion to accept by Doug and seconded by John. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

IAS John reminded the board of the Spring Gathering of the Illinois Audubon Society on May 18th – 19th.

Programs; Lisa said that she had programs lined up through December. She further asked the board members to keep a watch out for possible future programs.

Newsletter; Tami requested that a limit of three photos per submission. This limit would help in editing the newsletter.

Web-Site: A discuss about the "Blog" and "Members" tabs as to who may use them and what outlines. Further discussion will be continued at the next meeting. Jeff requested the counter be removed because "it was a little too 90's".

Spring Bird Count: Rob said he still needed more counters in some of the areas.

Cooperative and Outreach:

Birds in the Classroom: Kelly said she could use more people to help.

The Cary Library's binoculars fell apart and were replaced. Kelly is going to try her hand at repairing the damaged pair.

Earth Day with McHenry County Conservation District-about 400 persons attended

World Migratory Bird Days: April 28 at Glacial Park and Volo Bog State Natural Area, April 29, are ready. The first 75 children at each site will receive a birding back pack,

Call Box: Cindy at MCCD has the box but no location, as of yet. Jeff said he would call and find out where the box is going to be placed.

Osprey Cam: After conversations with several persons the board decided to table the project because it was just too expensive to pursue.

Old business:

Budget Committee: Amanda reported the committee is making progress.

T Shirts: A work in Progress. Jessica wondered why the American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*) became the logo of MCA. Stacy gave some background and will help Jessica who will research this subject for a future article for InFlight.

New Business:

Doug, Tami and Jeff will work together to update the McHenry County Birding Booklets.

Common Birds of McHenry County a poster/flyer/handout was proposed by Tami, This will be developed by her and Jessica. They requested photos for this project.

A discussion about what can be done with the Tom Koenigsberger Memorial Fund. The amount of the fund is \$960. The Board agreed that, for now, the fund will be a separate line item in the treasury. Some suggestions were a project or a scholarship. An article in the newsletter to solicit ideas was also proposed.

A discussion about funding some sort of worthy conservation project or habitat restoration. Lisa will write the criteria for this grant. (\$300 to 1000)

A discussion about getting the word out about HB5293, which would weaken the Endangered Species Protection Act (ESPA). Call or write Representatives in Springfield.

Next Meeting-June 25,2018

Motion to adjourn by Doug and seconded by Amanda- Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted Fred Durrenberg