

Minutes of the McHenry County Audubon Board of Directors' meeting, April 22, 2019

Call to order: 7:05pm

Present: Jeff A., Doug C., Stacy I., Jessica B., Amanda P., Nikhi K., Lisa M.

Doug moves to approve minutes, Nikhi seconded

Treasure:

donations are almost the same as dues

Average members give \$25/person

2- \$500 checks to birds in the classroom

Doug approved treasures report, Nikhi seconded

Membership:

136 paid members

some long-time members didn't renew

Correspondence:

Openlands report

Committee:

IAS- we need a rep

Conservation/BCN- need several people to do point counts in several parks in the county

Programs-Lisa

Speakers-still looking for October

- Steve Bannick - too expensive

-skype meeting for presenters from farther away -

-man from NPR who wrote new petersen field guide for sparrows, Rick Right

- project snowstorm?-Jessica

- Birding Life podcast: Ken Koffman

Hospitality- able to fill in people to bring snacks

Field Trips:

- new trip down to Kankakee in June

-Horicon Marsh Trip is set, need to write article

Newsletter:

-schedule: beginning of may, then another in June/July, August/September, October, November, Dec/January

Picnic- June 8th, need a location: Fox Bluff?

-September 14th: Coral Woods

-Chris, Mike, and Walt help cook?

Website- nothing new

Social Media- spring bird count on facebook

-board game about birds (wingspan)

+1-5 players

+calendar, tournament, facebook, newsletter - Jessica

Birds in the Classroom-

-purchase giant dry erase check-\$115

+check # is the year we were established

+ Doug motioned, Jeff seconded; motion passed unanimously

-awarded grants, wait to give checks till

Christmas count-question about the "bump" is sent to Cornell, is in the pipe but could be

months

Spring bird count-sent a press release to the media,

- still have openings

+put on facebook

Cooperative & Outreach

Library- Huntley doesn't want now because expanding, come back in 2020

Birds in my neighborhood- ready for the first field trip

Garden Fest- 2 people linned up and both got sick

Earth Day- MCCD April 20th- next year try to get more people

Migratory bird day- 3 different places, Glacial (8-noon) Volo (sunday)

County Fair (July 31-August 4th)- good opportunity to get name out there

- glitch=talk about to put in hoop greenhouse so might not be there

Ad Hoc

Conservation awards-

Old Buisness

Printing: on hold till we run out

Goldfinch Logo

- why? Goes back along time, no digital graphic of logo so made one

Common Birds of McHenry CO

- still in the works

-want to send out list to the general membership

-no one is going to get credited for photo's because we don't have room

How to spend money?

-egg hunt with different sizes, teach what size nest, put in Migratory Bird day celebration?

-Donations from Estate of Darlene (& Ken) Fiske

+Not chosen for Naming of the Fen

+Permanent Structure on MCCD Land?

*still in the works, channels are opened

-Estate of Lori Lid

+ \$5,000

+ not earmarked for anything

-Supporting additional habitat restoration projects

-Holiday Hills

+Fox Waterways not being cooperative

+if they don't sell, can buy from DNR

+is the whole thing legal?

New Buisness:

Honory lifetime membership: John Schroeder

Doug moved, Nikhil seconded; motion passed

For the Good of the organization:

Horicon Marsh Trip is set, need to write article (Amanda)

Next Board Meeting is June 24th

Meet Adjourned @ 8:21pm

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Parrish