

McHenry County Audubon Board Minutes August 26, 2019

Call to Order: Stacy at 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Jeff, Jessica, Nikhi, Lisa, Fred, Amanda, Stacy

Board Members Absent: Doug, Susan, Tami, and Kelly

Guests: Stephanie Peters

President's Comments: Stacy called for appointment of Stephanie Peters to the board. Her appointment was approved unanimously.

Approval of June Minutes: motioned by Lisa, seconded by Jeff; All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- a few new members
- paid \$45 for the green living expo
- still waiting for Walt's expenses for the pancake breakfast
- 2 grants for Birds in the Classroom

Lisa motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Nikhi, motion passed

Membership Report:

- 146 members, but have lost 2 because they recently moved

Correspondences:

- Illinois Audubon society forwarded a letter to have us help set up bird feeders/houses at the Wauconda Library

- Coordinate with Emily on the next steps
- open to matching funds with the library

Public Participation:

Committee Reports:

- IAS Report
 - survey that IAS sent out to members on the next 5 year plan
 - Stephanie was appointed as our rep
- Conservation/BCN – Lisa
 - meeting in October 5th, 12:30 at North Park Nature Center
- Programs
 - o Speakers - Lisa
 - good through the end of the year, do the party in Feb. (good time, long time away, time to prep)
 - Wings and Talons for the January meeting, Stacy will reach out
 - Nikhi (Sri Lanka Birding and Wildlife/April)
 - o Hospitality – Stacy
 - one person cancel in September, so assume plenty of people bringing food
 - o Spring Picnic
- Field Trips – Stacy, Lisa
 - Horicon Marsh-have 15 tickets and 13 people going
 - 29th is Jeff Wade's walk in Montrose
 - Fall Picnic (September 14th) Walt will be the chef,
- Newsletter – Lisa
 - nothing, has publisher (likes)

- Web Site - Stacy
 - Stephanie will work with Stacy on the website
- Social Media - Stacy, Amanda
- Birds in the Classroom Grants – Stacy/Kelly
 - gave out 2, was in the newsletter
- Spring Bird Count – Rob
- Christmas Count – Jeff
 - circle lump-still haven't gotten a response
 - think we will be good, but might need bodies
- Cooperative & Outreach
 - o County Fair July 31 – August 4 – Stacy
 - was in a tent, going to put a hoop house up where the tent is now
 - picked up a new member
 - o Fiske Memorial at Glacial Park – Doug, Stacy
 - nothing new to report
 - o Birder & Photographer Research Project Request
 - sent out
 - o nothing new with binocs for Libraries
 - o Rockford Garden Club Request November 6 – Stacy & Lisa
 - co-present about landscaping for birds and our chapter and what we do

Ad Hoc

- Community Conservation Awards – Looking for a Chairperson
 - nothing new, Stephanie will chair

Old Business

- Common Birds of McHenry County: a printable flyer/poster/handout – Jessica
 - notice when out, heard from 7 people, missing the boring birds, hoping to get 1 pic from each person, gave deadline of October 1st, work in progress
- Holiday Hills update
 - table this for awhile
- Walmart Ponds Project
 - haven't heard any more,
 - no improvement to the system-too much water (beaver)
 - +going to try to discourage the beaver from coming back

New Business

- Wauconda Library Request
 - already discussed
- Birding Backpacks - Doug
 - expanding on Binocular project
- Lisa made a motion to remove Tami from the board, Jeff seconded; the motion passed unanimously

For the Good of the Organization

Next board meeting October 28

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 8:01pm