

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Board members Susan, Jessica, Doug, Jeff, Lisa, Amanda, Niki, Kelly, Stacy, Fred

Not present: Tami

April Minute approved by Doug, seconded Lisa, motion passed

Treasurers report: notable expenditures Pancake breakfast, PO box, reprographics, shelter for picnics, bought dry erase check, net gain about \$500, average amount of "dues" is about \$20, PayPal fees up because more people are using it

Membership: all-time high for this time of year, 144 members

Correspondences:

Friends of Nachussa Grasslands- want money by June 15, give \$ because we haven't donated to IOS or the Illinois young birders Symposium, why this grasslands and not others?

Birder & Photographer research project request - wants us to share his survey with our membership, but in the newsletter and send the link via the email, his goal is to better inform members of groups about ethical birding and wildlife photography---decided to share with our membership

Public Participation

Committee Report

IAS- need a representative

Conservation/BCN- nothing to report

Programs

Speakers - still working on October (Walmart wetlands), maybe do a "game night" in October, we should come up with games

Hospitality- on track

Spring picnic-

Field trips- Lisa's cottage is up next

Newsletter-looking for submission, Due date by August 1st

Website- trying to keep up, 3 tabs to the far right are not working right now

Social media-

Birds in the classroom grants- 2 grants (Spring Grove Elementary, Alexander Leigh Center for Autism)

Spring Bird Count- Rob, sent in, the numbers were down, figured out how to use My Maps to use with your phone to make sure you are in your area

Christmas Count- not heard back from ebird about the circle question (sent request second), December 14th,

Cooperative & Outreach

Library Coop- nothing new, different people assigned to different libraries-send out reminders to check on binocs before birding season (March)

Birds in my Neighborhood- this last year was a success, volunteers had a good time, amazed at how enthralled the students got

County Fair- concerned about where they are going to put us (greenhouse), defenders might be backing out.

Fiske Memorial at Glacial Park- \$20,000 from the Fiske family, meet with MCCD, like pulling teeth, no definite plan-really pushed for a bird blind on Lost Lake in Goose Lake (permanent structure), going back in July to talk to committee, if they agree then it should be done in 2021, Fiske family wants something in Glacial Park. Right now we are waiting on MCCD

Ad Hoc

Community Conservation Awards- looking for a chairperson, present award to someone outside MCA,

Old Business

Common Birds of McHenry County- Jessica has the final list, looking for input from members (photos of local birds, will donate, too busy to give credit on the sheet-maybe give credit on the website), will limit number of photos that peoples can submit,
Holiday Hills update- on hold, think that it reverts to DNR if no one buys it

New Business

Doug did a birding program for Woodstock Garden club
Bird Watcher and Nature Photographer Survey-see above
Walmart Ponds Project- work is starting - mowing, trash removal, fence installation; will keep us posted, wants input for the educational signage,
County Birding Map- instead of doing "tour" do regions instead and put "hotspots" in instead
Bird Walks- could we do Chain of Lakes in the schedule, would draw in different people, problem is that it Chain of Lakes is very long, Goldfinch Trail is shorter-could be a good spot,
MCC- is teaching the Birding Class next spring
Jessica brought "Wingspan" to show, selling out-on it's 3 print
Judy Stuck- wanted houses for Butternut Preserve (one way trail, .25 mi, right behind Lippold),
Jeff will get back in contact

For the Good of the organization

Bird Quiz- making a quiz, powerpoint presentation-on honor system, when to do it?

Next Board meeting August 26

Adjourn

Kelly moves to adjourn, Fred seconded, motion carried, meeting adjournes at 8:36pm