

Minutes Audubon Board – February 21, 2024

Present: Dan, Nicki, Linda, Jonathan, Hank, Brian
Minutes of January 17 were approved

Celebrating the Avon Hills Event January 27: CMAS had a table at this event and it was positive

February 2024 Newsletters: Total mailing 407 plus 62 paperless = 469 sent. Printing costs \$142 with 400 copies printed; seven copied and sent to local members by Dan. Mailing cost \$76.05

Financial Report: \$310 USPS permit; \$76.05 postage Feb. Newsletter; \$142 for printing; \$40 deposits for local membership; \$44 for calendar sales including \$20 for last two at \$10 each; \$14.55 for January Zoom; Balance in checking account as of Feb. 15 = \$2229.84

Annual Report: Submitted using “box” on line. Acknowledgment from NAS of receipt and approval February 15, 2024. CMAS will receive \$1335.00, our annual baseline payment, from NAS.

Membership: Local members increased to 16. Expired members will be contacted. NAS membership increased to 450 plus 16 local (minus 60 paperless) = 406 (print 410 for March). *Articles for March Newsletter due to Nicki March 1st.

Bird Outings: The Board approved supporting Spring Birding Day at SJU on May 18th. CMAS has received two requests to lead bird outings: 1) Avon Folk School; 2) Bethlehem Lutheran. Volunteer leaders are needed. What about a western grebe outing at Lake Osakis? Usually takes place on a Tuesday or Thursday.

April 16th speaker at Sartell Community Center: Stan Tekiela (Wild Flower). The Board approved \$30 to support the venue and \$14 for his book Birds of Minnesota as a door prize at the event.

Annual Meeting in April: Ideas on how to attract members: 1) no speaker just election of officers; 2) make it a social event ie. Fun; 3) hold at community center, in a park, other public place? Will have to decide in March what to do.

Work on By laws: The Board completed reviewing Articles I thru IV. Three changes were made: 1) Article III, Section 4, 4th line replace SOCIETY with CMAS; 2) Article IV Section 2, last line, change 30 days to 21 days; Article IV eliminate Section 6. Further review will take place at our March meeting

Upcoming Events: March 1 articles due for Newsletter; March 20 CMAS meeting with speaker Luke Degroote addressing Powdermill Avian Research Center; April ? Spring Woodcock outing; April 16 6:30 pm Stan Tekiela on Wild flowers at Sartell Community Center 850 19th St. So, Sartell; April 24 CMAS Annual meeting; May 18 Spring Birding Day at SJU.

March 20 next Board meeting.

Refreshments provided by Nicki