

CMAS Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

Members Present: Dan Kneip, Hank Schreifels, Jonathan Fribley, Brian Jungels, Nicki Blake-Bradley

Members Absent: Linda Peck, Jeanne Dirks

- Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kneip
- Motion by Jonathan Fribley, second by Hank Schreifels to approve the February Board minutes with no changes. Motion carried.
- Financials were reported:
 - Deposits: \$120 Local Dues, \$260 Donations, \$1335 baseline funding from MN Audubon
 - Payments: \$77.09 USPS, \$142 Newsletter Printer, \$14.55 Zoom fees
 - Balance in Checking: \$3,711.20
- Outings: Woodcock outing to Sand Prairie is set for April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Brian will lead as usual.
 - Bethlehem Lutheran birding outing is set for May 17 at 8:00 a.m. Dan (and others?) will lead.
 - Avon Folk School birding outings will be lead by Jim Millard, dates are to be determined but he's proposing 4 – 6 weeks
 - SJU Birding Day is May 18th
 - Brian will also lead an Albany WWT Pond outing on May 11th – Meet there at 9 a.m.
 - Dan suggested that we have an Osakis outing but noted that he will be gone the first 11 days in May, so someone would have to be backup if we're interested.

April Speaker: Stan Tekeila will be at Sartell Community Center. Event starts at 6:30. Dan will try to be there by 6 pm. We will have a table and the tri-fold board and flyers. A suggestion was made to have a calendar of events available for attendees. Reminder to advertise to friends and family.

April Annual Meeting: It will be held April 24th. We will send out a link with proposed bylaw revisions to those who receive the newsletter by e-mail and make copies available to others that request one. We will also hold the election and discuss the financials for the year. A suggestion was made to serve pizza.

Newsletter: National Audubon Society membership increased to 456. We have 16 local members with 62 paperless and printing 415 newsletters. Cut-off for articles will be April 4th.

Board Elections: Discussion was that we should have this year's slate set for one year yet. Once bylaws are adopted, terms will be two-year. Jonathan said yes to being At Large again. Hank and Dan noted that they would be willing to stay in their respective positions. Brian would like NOT to be Treasurer, but he said yes, he will do it yet. Jeanne is MIA (not sure if she will continue). Gary Rademacher may be willing

to be an At Large member. Linda noted that she is willing to continue as Secretary unless we find someone else who will do it. Nicki (although not an elected position) will stay on for the newsletter.

Bylaws Revision: Linda and Dan had revisions to Article 2. Hank covered all the proposed changes. Discussion was positive and final comments/revisions will be ready for the April 24th meeting.

Speakers: It was proposed that we set up the September – November speakers early for next year. Following that we will plan the whole year (starting in 2025)

Directors will have two-year terms with starting date as June 1st, same as effective date for bylaws

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicola Blake-Bradley