

CMAS Combined Minutes for APRIL 24, 2024 Board Meeting and Annual Meeting

Present: four members of the Board: Dan, Hank, Linda and Brian; eight regular members

The Minutes for March 29, 2024 were approved as presented.

Financial Updates: deposits \$80 for local memberships; zoom payments \$17.13; Address labels \$39.58; 4 Audubon Adventures (2 to Boys and Girls Club) \$183.00; Digital Print \$145.55; USPS \$75.61; payment of \$142 for digital print for end of March.

CMAS tax exempt status reinstated by IRS (retroactive to May 15, 2020) Prior to this meeting Dan will have filed the 990N for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

CMAS Budget: Dan went over our budget from July 1, 2023 thru April 2024. All is fine.

Revised Bylaws: Hank went thru the suggested revisions of our existing Bylaws which have been in place for **thirty-nine** years. One deletion was recommended: In Article VI, under Education Committee, (second line) eliminate "Education Division of the Environmental Information..." Moved by Ellen, seconded by Annette, to approve the Revised Bylaws with the deletion. Unanimous approval. Our new Bylaws were accepted and signed April 24, 2024.

Newsletter: In March 62 were paperless, 415 were sent by mail. Concern was expressed over the costs to print and mail these 415. Suggestion: put in future newsletters a short note about this cost in hopes some members may make a donation to help. The Summer Newsletter will only be paperless. July 13th is the due date to Nicki for articles. The due date for the September newsletter is September 4th. Annette volunteered to help Dan with labeling and mailing the Newsletter.

Postcard project in Support of Migratory Bird Enhancement Act: Many people attending the presentation by Stan Tekeila signed postcards. Others signed post cards at this meeting. Great success!

Board election: Proposed slate: President Dan Kneip, Vice President Hank Schreifels, Secretary Linda Peck, Treasurer Brian Jungels, At Large Jonathan Fribley, At large **Jim** Millard. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved unanimously. Nicki will continue doing the newsletter but retreat from the board.

Possible Future Speakers and Topics:

--- Talk on proposed transmission line for energy produced by solar and wind energy. This line would pass thru Minnesota and cross over the Mississippi River. CMAS could work with the DNR and others in helping reduce the impacts on birds and the environment by commenting on where the line is placed within the corridor.

--- Needed ideas for Science Mondays (held at the Cold Spring Brewery) organized for local students. Contact Abi Parker, Sauk River Watershed District.

Brief Listing of Spring/Summer Events and Activities:

--Saturdays May 4th, 11th and 25th : Avon Hills Folk School. "Intro to birding" with **Jim** Millard.

--May 4th and 11th at 10 am: Bird Outing at Albany Wastewater Treatment Pond with Brian

--May 17th: Bird Outing at Bethlehem Lutheran Restored Prairie. Time: 8 am.

--May 18th at SJU outdoor U: Bob Russell Spring Birding Day. Registration by May 16th

--May 26th: CMAS Annual Picnic at Pecks farm – 11:30 and on Please bring chairs, own plates and silverware plus some food to share. Canoeing and kayaking on the Sauk possible,

--June 1st at 7:30 am: Bike and Bird from Avon to Albany and back on the Wobegon Trail. Children welcome. Meet at trail head in Avon.

--July 13th at 7:30 am: Bike and bird from Highway10 Trail Head near Royalton to Bowlus on the Soo Line Trail. Children welcome. Will be stopping often.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Pizza and Juice were enjoyed by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Peck