

CMAS Minutes for November 20, 2024 Board Meeting

Present: Dan, Hank, Jim, Nicki, Ellen

The minutes from October 16, 2024 were approved.

Financial report: checking account – \$4317.83/available in CD's - \$3294.01

Payments Oct/Nov – USPS \$75.03, web host/domain registration - \$112.87 (3 yr. hosting/domain registration is annual), Zoom subscription -\$14.55 for month of Nov., Pending Digital print - \$144 – payment by end of month

Deposits - \$120 (\$15 local membership + \$105 donation) also two \$25 give to the Max donations
Calendar purchase cost \$122.79 correction from October report/engagement calendars out-of-stock – we have wall calendars available

Web page – contracted Mary Millard- lowest of 4 proposals for \$1500. Purchased domain name & host site “Inmotion”. Working on Home page/Mission/Board/History & project highlights. Have requested input & history from former board members & long time members. Will request volunteers to read & verify information prior to going live. The board voted to accept the contract. 30% of contract cost will be paid at this time.

Birding packs for children - donations of birding books (can be used) & other items in the packs will be requested from interested Audubon members as we determine what will be needed. Suggested putting together an example pack to bring to a future meeting to show what will be included in the pack.

Hank has been having trouble contacting Steve, the Beaver Guy from Voyageurs NP, who is scheduled to be our January speaker. If he can't get in touch with him, Hank will find a different speaker.

March 19: Todd Burnett – Starry Skies North – Mn Chapter Dark Skies – this is a joint meeting with St Cloud Flower & Garden Garden Club, MN Master Naturalists, Wild Ones & Stearns Horticultural – to be held at St Cloud Library, Mississippi Room – no board meeting that evening

November Newsletter - 400 printed/392 sent by USPS, added several email addresses – Annette is calling NAS members that listed a phone number, but no email.

Board approved that when the website goes up, there will be an option to request Newsletter sign up without NAS or local membership.

Newsletter archives at Stearns History Museum – Charlotte will donate 1980 to 1983 newsletters. She is checking to see if she has them from Sept 2010 to present. We will have an archive of 1 to 2 months via Google docs from our web page.

The cut off for information to Nicki for the January newsletter is December 31.

The Christmas Bird Count will be on Saturday, December 14.

Nicki will bring treats for the January meeting.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Heneghan