

CMAS Minutes for April 16, 2025 Board Meeting

Present: Dan, Hank, Jim, Brian, Nicki, Ellen, Doris

The minutes from February 19, 2025 were approved.

Financial report: actual vs budget Donations 2025 = \$585

Checking balance 4/14/25 = \$4690.61

Total expenditure on birding packs = \$1154.21 + \$152.50 (pending) = \$1306.71

Birding packs were lent to Avon Hills Folk School (AHFS) and Stearns County Parks. Pending items – agreement and procedure for CMAS (which owns the packs) to reserve for our own events. \$150 was given to the GRRL for a fourth pack and we donated 4 pairs of quality binoculars to GRRL to use in their new pack, as well as in their 3 existing packs.

Outings Schedule

18 April – Woodcock outing at Sand Prairie WMA at 6:30 pm

26 April and 3 May – 7-9 am – beginning birding outings at AHFS – Jim & Brian will lead walks, other volunteers needed

4 May – Shorebird outing at Albany WTP at 9 am – lead by Brian

17 May – Kids to Parks – 10 am – 2 pm – Quarry Park – CMAS will have a table in the building and will lead 2 walks – volunteers needed

18 May – Sunday – annual picnic at Peck's farm

11 or 12 July – afternoon or evening – Bird & bike at BOHO

7 August – chimney swift sit in evening – location to be determined

Web page – In final review and testing. Plan to add a drop-down page under Resources of Birding is continuing. A temporary logo will be used on the website for now.

April 16: Tonight - Michael Joyce will speak on Bobcats & Fishers as he was unable to speak as planned in February.

April Newsletter - 390 printed/mailed 393/email 231 (67 paperless)

NAS roster for March = 443 + local membership = 17

Summer newsletter (digital only) cut off to Nicki is June 30.

September newsletter cut off to Nicki is August 30.

Meeting adjourned.

Annual meeting began.

Annual meeting board elections

Slate of officers nominated for election: Dan Kneip - President, Hank Schreifels – Vice-President, Jim Millard - Treasurer, Ellen Heneghan – Secretary, Jonathan Fribley – member at-large, Jean Johnson – member at-large

No other nominations were made from the floor. All of those nominated were elected to 2 year terms.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Heneghan