

CMAS Minutes for October 15, 2025 Board Meeting

Present: Dan, Jim, Jonathan, Jean, Ellen, Doris

The minutes from September 17, 2025 were approved.

Financial report:

Checking balance = \$2820.81 as of 10/15/25

Web page – annual Domain registration renewal fee - \$19.98

Domain privacy protection – \$15.99 in early November

Total - \$35.97 (approved by board)

Work will be done on adopting a privacy policy for both the website and CMAS in general.

Roster changes: NAS is moving the monthly roster from the Chapter Reporting System to BOX (a document sharing platform) and will also provide us with names and contacts of people who follow or receive Audubon alerts, but are not members. We will be able to utilize CRS for November printing labels. We are looking up phone numbers and calling some members to obtain email, but this is time-consuming and of limited success. Through calling efforts, 8 additional people signed up for email

Christmas Bird Count for St Cloud/Collegeville will be on Saturday, December 20 with people meeting at the Unitarian Fellowship. Brian Jungels is our contact for the CBC. More specific details at the November meeting. CMAS will also advise members of other CBC's within the CMAS area when details are available (from CBC portal or MOU).

Chapter postcard: Publicity & Communication committee will meet Friday, October 17 at 3:30 pm at the Caribou coffee in Cashwise West to discuss the chapter postcard and content guide for Facebook/website and newsletter. Cost is \$120 for 500 cards.

Our participation in a Kestrel house building and informational event has been confirmed with Tom Poser of Stearns County Parks to be held sometime in winter 2026 at Warner Park.

Fundraiser: Doris will contact Pizza Ranch about doing a fundraiser there, either later this year or in early 2026. Possible use of money raised would be for cost of materials for kestrel boxes.

Tonight's speaker – Siah St Clair – Red-headed Woodpecker Recovery Project

Upcoming speaker scheduled:

November 19 – Deanna Leigh – Plant Watch/Citizen Science – MN DNR (no mileage)

The November meeting will be on Zoom as well as in person.

November newsletter cut off to Nicki is October 31.

Jean will bring refreshments for November.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Heneghan