

CMAS Minutes for May 11, 2026 Board Meeting at Pizza Ranch fundraiser

Present: Dan, Hank, Jim, Jean, Nicki, Ellen

The minutes from March 18, 2026 were approved.

Budget update from Jim (details on sheet he sent out before meeting) Donation of \$200 in memory of Ione Krebs Wossner with \$100 now and a \$100 employer match at a later date.

Approval of \$400 donation to “Let’s Go Fishing” with \$210 of this amount collected from participants for Grebe Outing.

Approval of gift memberships to Elijah Stenman and Kyle Woitalla. Gift memberships are \$25 each. (May only do 4 gift memberships as the online cost is \$25, instead of \$20.)

April newsletter was sent to 302 subscribers on April 8. Thirty inactive emails were removed from MailChimp on April 10.

280 postcards were sent on April 20 to CMAS members who have not signed up for digital newsletter. (8 new, 272 no emails)

Approval of participation in stated event. We received an invitation from the City of Buffalo to participate with a free table in their Great Outdoor Fair at Sturges Park on Buffalo Lake on Saturday morning, September 19, 2026. The fair is free to the public. Great opportunity for fall event in a part of CMAS area that we do not often include.

Approved proposal to hold August CMAS board meeting to reduce load on September meeting. Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 pm at Dan’s house before the Cold Spring Swift Sit at sundown. (Bring chairs)

Scheduled Outings & summer activities

16 May – Kids to Parks – 10 am – 2 pm – Quarry Park – volunteers needed

16, 23, 30 May - Introduction to birding - 7-9 am at Avon Hills

27 May – Grebe viewing at Lake Osakis - 10 am – 22 are signed up

31 May – Sunday – annual picnic at Peck’s farm - 11:30 am potluck

20 June – Saturday - St Wendell Bog Tour from 9 am to 3 pm, sign up with Dan Kneip

13 August – Thursday – 8 pm chimney swift sit in evening – Cold Spring (bring chairs)

On-going chimney swift monitoring Cold Spring, first and third Tuesdays of the month from half hour before sunset to half hour after sunset (Dan)

Monthly monitoring of chimney swifts at Laestadian Manor in Brainerd on Fridays – (Jim)

Bluebird Trail monitoring at Kennedy School in St. Joe & St John’s Arboretum (Jim)

Email etiquette – use BCC for groups for security

Cut-off for Summer Newsletter – June 26

Outings reports for April/May outings can be grouped & summarized

Cut-off for September Newsletter – August 28 – Annette will handle MailChimp distribution

Tribute to John & Linda Peck for their many years of service to Central Minnesota Audubon Society was made prior to the board meeting. They were given a Certificate of Appreciation. In October there will be a buckthorn removal event in the 5 acres surrounding their house in Rockville.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Heneghan