

## **MRVAC Board meeting, February 16, 2016.**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Board members present:** Becky, Ken, Bob, Rick, Greg, Patti, and Matthew

**Secretary's Report** – Greg presents. Minutes from January meeting accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bob presents. MRVAC finances remain in good order, total income over \$700 above what was budgeted.

**Trumpeter report** – Becky presents. Current issue is ready for mailing. National Audubon has changed the i.d. numbers for members, leading to some members receiving a paper copy of the last issue despite being on the email only list.

**Membership Report** – Patti presents. Membership remains steady. 76 local, 1183 national, 60 renewed, 57 expired, and 53 new.

**Programs report.** Steve is not present today to report.

### **Old business**

- President-elect needed, new board members. Bob reports being approached by Bob Janssen expressing interest in joining our board. Monica R. from Richardson Nature Center has approached Greg.
- Izaak Walton league – Don Arnosti is willing to write a column for the Trumpeter.
- Climate Watch – no update at this time.
- Bird friendly cities – Bob will contact State Audubon office to see what Bloomington would need to do to earn bird friendly city status.
- Grant requests
  - Richardson Nature Center – Bloomington Schools Department of Education Equity. Proposal to create *birding packs* in English, Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese available for city residents to check out for use. (The language materials have already been created.) Board consensus is to propose “two good packs” for \$500.00.
  - Arboretum: Asking for between \$500-\$1500 for one or both projects:
    - All About Raptors: Head to Talons Day Camp.
    - Scholarship opportunity for up to 120 students (two busloads) of students to experience a Spring Peeper Meadow Field Trip.
  - Izaak Walton League – Proposes \$500-\$1500 to support a Day at the Capital event.
  - Audubon of the Northwoods has not yet submitted updated grant proposal.
  - Sax-Zim Bog continues to be in need of donations to purchase and preserve land.

**New Business:** Conservation MN – Dianne’s request. Partially funded through the MN Audubon, this a group of community advocates who take on different environmental issues. John Anderson is the advocate in Bloomington. Dianne suggests coordinating our efforts with Conservation MN. Board tables a decision on this until Dianne returns.

Henderson Hummingbird Festival is looking for a speaker on August 20, 2016. MRVAC open to paying for Bob Janssen to speak.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Matthew Schaut