

Subject: MRVAC Board Minutes September 17, 2013

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Present: Bob Williams, Becky Lystig, Molly Eichten, Steve Weston, Greg Burnes, Matthew Schaut

Absent: Patti Larson, Ken Oulman, Dianne Rowse

Meeting called to order by Steve Weston at 7:14 pm

Secretary's Report: With an update to the programs section (open slots are February and *May*), Bob moved to approve the minutes from the August 2013 meeting. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: general contributions, local memberships

Expenses: insurance renewal, newsletter printing and postage

Trumpeter Report: October 1 deadline for next issue of Trumpeter. Envelope went into this edition. We had to have a 3rd tab to keep envelope secured which increased the cost. We were also charged for the time of a person who had to insert envelopes. Is it worth the extra \$200 to include the envelope? Bob to monitor incoming contributions.

Membership Report: No report in Patti's absence.

Programs Report: September speaker is set. Steve verified meeting dates with the refuge. We still have openings in February and May; Steve is working to fill them. Possibilities: a Phd about birds in California and/or Chet Meyers on red headed woodpecker and/or a geneticist at the U of M.

Old Business

- Table at the Bloomington Heritage Days, September 21, 2013. The "bird board" was in rough shape – Steve changing out some button switches.
- MRVAC Business cards – will use existing inventory for now.
- Old Cedar Avenue Bridge rehabilitation = city approved funding; was in the news.
- Materials to hand out at events from National Audubon. Shipped to wrong address; National assures that we'll receive the materials.

New Business

- Minneapolis Feral Cat Ordinance – found cats are neutered and set free; ordinance to set up sanctuaries (i.e., feeding stations). Ordinance is open for public comment. State Audubon has taken stance against it. Matthew encourages responding on behalf of MRVAC; he will forward email.
- National Fish and Wildlife Grant Project – received request to certify that project work from a 2007 grant from the NFWS was completed. Becky's research found no indication it was not completed. Mathew to respond accordingly.
- Auction is NOT November 14th, it is November 21st. Need to heavily promote correct the date.
- Steve is wondering who the first Christmas Bird Count coordinator for MRVAC was.
- West Metro Chapter of MN Master Naturalists submitted a request for someone to talk about winter birds at a November 14th meeting.
- Field Trip report: Steve had about 10 people at Cannon River Bottoms. George Skinner had 25 adults, 1 child on the September 8, 2013 trip to Tiffany Bottoms in Wisconsin and 1 adult at the September 9, 2013 trip to Old Cedar Ave. Bridge.

Bob moved to adjourn meeting. Molly seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

/s/ Molly Eichten

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