

Subject: MRVAC Board Minutes February 18, 2014

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Present: Patti Larson, Bob Williams, Becky Lystig, Molly Eichten, Greg Burnes, Matthew Schaut, Dianne Rowse, Steve Weston

Absent: Ken Oulman

Meeting called to order by Matthew Schaut at 7:04 pm

Secretary's Report: Bob moved to approve the minutes from the January 2014 meeting. Patti seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: calendars, field trips, general contributions, local and national memberships, and social committee.

Expenses: Stamps, field trips, speaker, Trumpeter

Bob needs to upgrade his computer and thus the Quicken version from 2003. MRVAC can upgrade to Quicken 2014 for about \$60. Board approved the upgrade. Board discussed backup procedures.

Trumpeter Report: Trumpeter to be mailed on Tuesday. For wrong addresses, the only way to not pay is to put "or Current Resident." Board agreed to add "or Current Resident" and remove "Address Service Requested" from this next Trumpeter.

Membership Report: 1304 national members; 60 local memberships; 23 new.

Programs Report: Stan Tekiela presented in January and about 108 people attended. Lisa Harn is for February. May is still open. Steve to contact Carol Henderson.

Old Business

- Lebanon Hills update. County decided to postpone decision about paving trails and added a citizen commission.
- MOU Saavaloja grant was submitted and acknowledged.
- Minnesota Audubon collaborative funding about \$2,600. Proposals due February 28, 2014. Award notification by March 15, 2014.
- Polymet Mining public hearing was packed.

New Business

- Matthew received the MEP Membership renewal request.
- Peg Fogelson sent in a check to MRVAC to cover the postage of the Polymet Mining postcards. Bob forwarded to Minnesota Audubon.
- Roberts Bird Sanctuary in Minneapolis will have a 60-foot wide path through it to replace a sewer.
- Wood Lake is having a Bird-A-Thon on May 10th and is looking for guides. Matthew to get more information. Conflicts with MRVAC Bird-a-Thon.
- Open Funding Proposals
 - Funding request for the Red-headed Woodpecker Recovery Project \$1000 to fund one third of an intern's summer stipend. Board approved \$500, with another possible \$500 committed next month.
 - Side note: Steve wants to get a field trip to Cedar Creek Bog in East Bethel.
 - Starring Lake binoculars, dependent on results of Saavaloja grant
 - Pamphlet handouts for kids \$1000.
 - Lowry Nature Center about \$1200.
 - Richardson Nature Center \$1000.
 - Blue Goose fund at Wildlife National Refuge \$2000.
 - Intern at Wildlife National Refuge \$1500.

- Dennis Yockers/Adventures Tour Program tour to Costa Rica.
 - Board agreed to let him have a table at the next meeting. Board is not going to sponsor.
- Becky checked with Post Office on advertising regulations. According to Post Office, if MRVAC collects over \$1000 in advertising revenue MRVAC has to pay income taxes. Board not comfortable in general with advertising in the Trumpeter.
- Trumpeter Award: there have been no nominations. Bob may have a nomination.
- Two board openings: Molly will not be seeking a Board seat for next fiscal year. Steve is moving to Florida, likely next fall.

Bob moved to adjourn meeting. Greg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

/s/ Molly Eichten

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