

Subject: MRVAC Board Minutes June 18, 2013

Location: Minneapolis, MN 55419

Present: Bob Williams, Becky Lystig, Molly Eichten, Matthew Schaut, Ken Oulman, Dianne Rowse, Greg Burnes, Steve Weston (late)

Absent: Patti Larson

Meeting called to order by Matthew Schaut at 7:01 pm

Secretary's Report: Bob moved to approve the minutes from the May 2013 meeting. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Fiscal year end, very close to budget

Income: local membership renewal, and social committee.

Expenses: Bob paid affiliated groups, postage and newsletter.

Bob received two thank you letters for our contributions: Audubon Minnesota and Three Rivers Park District.

Board discussed next fiscal year's budget. Molly moved to approve the budget. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

Trumpeter Report: Will be mailed next week.

Membership Report: No membership update with Patti's absence. Molly distributed graph of MRVAC city distribution. Bloomington had twice as many members (300) as the second highest city Eagan (135). Eden Prairie was third at 131 members.

Programs Report: Steve is looking for suggestions for programs for next year.

Old Business

- Bird-A-Thon results look good; will likely exceed budget.
- Bloomington Heritage Days, September 21, 2013 – we have committed to having a table at the event. Have to think about what to have at the table – Trumpeter, field trip lists, bird board? Matthew to contact state Audubon about bird information.
- Purple Martin houses on Lake Hiawatha – still need someone to maintain house. Matthew to follow up with someone named Kelly.

New Business

- Becky contacted chairs of various committees; some comments:
 - North Woods Audubon Rep. – Doug Mayo hasn't been on the North Woods Audubon board for years even though he is the rep. == Board agreed to remove this position.
 - MOU Rep. – Dave Baden is the rep. Various reps are no longer invited to go to board meetings...but rep. needed for treats for paper session (every 3rd year). Will rename as "MOU Liason" and Dave Baden agreed to be liason.
 - Social chair – Jan will need replacement in 2014. Possible idea is Betsy and/or Rick McGee.
 - Librarian – Rick has no more books, several books were out of date and donated to the refuge. He gets contacted about guide books and has ideas about how to find information on the Internet. Rick to come to a Board Meeting and discuss; Board is willing to listen. Becky to follow up.
 - Adopt-A-Highway – Terry didn't know he was still this committee chair. Stretch of highway no longer sponsored, so in past years have attempted some river clean up, but with little membership participation. == Board agreed to remove this position.
 - Field trip coordinator is now Cheri Fox.

- Christmas Bird Count coordinator will be Nick Rowse.
- Annual picnic – low attendance the last few years. 17 people attended this year. Thoughts to improve are to have a speaker, a field trip leader, change the week, change location. Board is looking at 2nd Thursday in June. June 12, 2014 at Wood Lake (or Richardson). Greg to inquire about Richardson Nature Center since largest percentage of members live in Bloomington.
- Anne Hanley suggested including abbreviated Board Minutes in the Trumpeter. Board instead proposes posting approved minutes on the website. Molly to contact Tracy about feasibility.
- Dianne suggests we publicize again how to receive electronic copies of the Trumpeter.
- Molly to get pricing on table banners.
- Molly to email Terri about the business cards.

Ken moved to adjourn meeting. Greg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

/s/ Molly Eichten

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