

Subject: MRVAC November 19, 2013 Board meeting minutes

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Present: Patti, Bob, Steve, Ken, Matthew

Absent: Greg, Dianne, Molly, Becky

Meeting called to order by Matthew at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary's Report Patti moved to approve minutes for October, 2013 meeting, Steve seconded. Minutes approved.

Matthew takes minutes for November 19, 2013, due to Mollie's absence.

Treasurer's Report Bob presented. Give to the Max day was successful, even considering the troubles with the website shutting down for several hours. Have not yet received the money pledged.

Bob completed State Annual Report which he and Matthew signed and dated. Bob will submit.

Trumpeter Report Becky not in attendance. No update.

Membership Report 1254 National, 57 local, 66 added as gifts, 7 new, 37 rejoins, 4 transfers in, 3 transfers out.

Programs Report Steve reports that we have to fill February program slot. Options include programs on Cuban birding (Carroll Henderson), or red-headed woodpeckers (Chet Meyers). Steve will also look for other options – is hoping to get Hernan Martinez, studying the birds of Baja California, to present.

Old Items:

Auction MRVAC Annual Auction is set for this Thursday, 11/21/13. Hoping to have donations all there by 6 p.m. Auction to run start at 6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

Kestrel Boxes Steve has four kestrel boxes right now. We cannot sell it, but Steve has idea to give it away to the 'bid with the best habitat.' Bob suggests approaching local nature centers to determine if they are interested.

Lebanon Hills Steve reports being approached by Linda Headland, who is an opponent of the proposed widening and paving of trails. Bob proposes we put something in the Trumpeter. Matthew will write a MRVAC position response after viewing the proposal.

National Audubon Annual Chapter Report Annual Report completed and submitted to National Audubon Chapter Services by Board Members present.

MOU Saavaloja Grant Proposals due Jan 31, 2014. Bob will reach out re: 180th Street Marsh preservation effort in Dakota County.

New Business:

New Nature Center in Inver Grove Heights. Vance Grannis' land. Steve reports his proposal is receiving support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Matthew Schaut