

Subject: MRVAC Board Minutes March 18, 2014

Location: Minneapolis, MN

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

Absent: Patti Larson

Meeting called to order by Matthew Schaut at 7:02 pm

Secretary's Report: Becky moved to approve the minutes from the February 2014 meeting. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: Field trips, general contributions, local memberships, and social committee.

Expenses: Renewed domain name; MEP contribution; field trips, speaker, Trumpeter.

Bob received bill for the hosting of the the website and will pay it.

Bob received new computer. Excel records migrated. Old PC works just fine, so for Quicken Bob will continue using that PC.

Trumpeter Report: Trumpeter deadline is April 1st. The next Trumpeter will have "or Current Resident" added and "Address Service Requested" removed. Slate of Board members need to be in the Trumpeter.

Membership Report: No report in Patti's absence.

Programs Report: 50 attended February 2014 meeting. We expect a large turnout for March meeting. Steve to contact Carol Henderson before April 1 for May meeting. Steve has set up Jan Dunlap for September 2014 meeting to discuss 'bird tales.' Steve has a thought for a speaker: author of book about 100 year anniversary of death of passenger pigeon; author will be in MN on June 29 and July 2nd. Want a \$200 speaker's fee. Board thinks that teaming up with Minneapolis or St. Paul Audubon would be good since this would be an 'off season' speaker.

Dianne had a program idea to bring in a painter of birds to speak.

Old Business

- MOU Saavaloja grant was awarded to us for the binoculars to Starring Lake. We pay \$600; MOU \$600.
- Woodlake Nature Center has a good handle on the event, doesn't need funding.

New Business

- Lois Norgaard wants to announce at the March general meeting a comment period on the Tarsands "Sandpiper" pipeline.
- Open Funding Proposals
 - Funding request for the Red-headed Woodpecker Recovery Project: \$500 was approved. Board will wait to hear if they request another \$500.
 - Lowry Nature Center Spotting Scope proposal, roughly about \$500.
 - Steve moved to accept the Lowry proposal; Greg seconded. Motion carried, Dianne abstained from voting.
 - Richardson Nature Center \$1000 to put toward interpretive panels.
 - Molly moved to accept the Richardson proposal; Bob seconded. Motion carried.
 - Blue Goose fund at Wildlife National Refuge \$2000.
 - Matthew moved to accept this grant; Greg seconded. Motion carried.
 - Intern at Wildlife National Refuge \$1500.
 - Steve moved to accept this grant; Becky seconded. Motion carried.

- Pamphlet handouts for kids \$1000.
- Trumpeter Award: there have been no nominations. Bob may have a nomination.
- Bell Museum wants a link on the MRVAC website. Board approved.
- Bloomington Heritage Days on September 20th - Board decided to not get a table this year.
- Great MN River Birding Day – Possible revival with DNR. Alexander Watson from the New Ulm DNR contacted Bob about an event celebrating MN State Parks that are on the Minnesota River.
- Henderson Hummingbird Hurrah – August 16th – Bob attended a meeting about the event and MRVAC will have a table. Bob wants to have a handout, specifically about Hummingbirds.
- Need to find two new board members to fill openings left by Steve and Molly.

Molly moved to adjourn meeting. Becky seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

/s/ Molly Eichten

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