

MRVAC Board Meeting Minutes: May 25, 2018

Present: Monica Bauchwarter, Greg Burns, Rob Daves, Becky Lystig, Ken Oulman, Matthew Schaut, Steve Weston, Bob Williams.

The agenda, treasurer's report, and proposed 2018-19 budget were distributed at the meeting.

Matthew called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

Secretary: The corrected minutes of the April meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Bob reviewed the printed report. He also reviewed the 2018-19 proposed budget, which he pointed out was similar to last year with slightly lower expenses and higher grants. Ken moved to approve the budget, and Greg seconded; it was approved unanimously.

Membership: Greg will rotate off the board but will keep up the membership and mailing lists. Bob noted that the request for donations on the renewal form is working. Steve noted that the Trumpeter Award will be tonight, and that Becky will present it.

Trumpeter newsletter: Becky requested that authors send their content to Anne by June 1; Greg reported on the details.

Programs: Steve reported that 50-60 attended the April meeting when Melissa Bowman from the DNR presented. He's set up one program for next year: Johanna Whyte of New Zealand will do an October talk on conservation there. He also is exploring the following topics: birding in Trinidad/Tobago; birding state parks (Ben Douglas); and birding Columbia. Greg suggested doing a photo workshop prior to the Ben Douglas talk.

Old Business:

The board heard the names of candidates for the board election at the meeting: Greg Burns will be leaving the board; Matthew Schaut, president, Walt Stull, treasurer, Steve Weston, vice president (programs), Rob Daves, secretary; and members at large: Monic Rauchwarter, Ken Oulman, Rita Baden, Bob Williams.

Monica said the Audubon in Action grant request has been submitted for \$1,600 to train a teen as an interpretive naturalist at Richardson Nature Center to increase the area's and chapter's cultural and age diversity.

Birdathon participants reported that they need to continue collecting money.

The June 28 picnic will be at MRVNWR headquarters building at 5:30 p.m. Robin will bring drinks; everyone will bring their own tableware.

New Business:

Bob, Monica and Greg may attend the Henderson Hummingbird Hurrah on Aug. 18 to represent MRVAC. Monica can bring bird artifacts, and the team needs a tablecloth and box for bird gear.

Bob said U.S. Bank requires three signatures for accounts, so Walt and Matt should be added. (The board unanimously approved a subsequent email proposal by Bob and seconded by Steve that Matthew Schaut,

Robert Williams and Walt Stull be the signatories on all accounts at US Bank held by the Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter.)

Because of the concern for costs, the board decided not install the Stripe software at this time. Steve was asked to inform Tracy of this decision. The board asked Bob to explore if US Bank had any services to help us to receive funds through the website.

Becky moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m., and Bob seconded; it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Rob Daves, secretary