



## MRVAC Board Meeting Minutes: March 28, 2019

Present at the Minnesota River National Wildlife Reserve HQ: Rita Baden, Rob Daves, Becky Lystig, Ken Oulman, Matthew Schaut, Walt Stull, Steve Walston, Bob Williams.

The agenda, minutes, and grant proposals were distributed ahead of time. Matthew called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Secretary: On Rob's motion and Ken's second, the board unanimously approved the January minutes. On Rob's motion and Walt's second, the board unanimously approved the notes from the February meeting.

Treasurer: Walt distributed and reviewed the January and February treasurer's reports showing a net worth of \$52,696.71 and reviewed recent sources and uses of funds. He reported renewing the CD, which is now due in September, 2020. The board accepted the reports. Bob reminded the board that the fee for the Internet domain will be coming due soon.

Membership: No report.

Trumpeter newsletter: Becky reminded the board that the next issue will cover three months, and reviewed the story needs for that issue. Anne Hanley will be retiring after this issue. Steve will issue a call for an editor on social media and check with at least one individual to see if there's interest.

Elections: Matthew will ask for volunteers for the board, and checked with other board members to explore interest in staying on the board. The president-elect position is open, Becky would like to retire, and all others are willing to continue.

Programs: Steve reported that April's program is by Nick Minor, a Minnesota resident who is an editor of Birding magazine about rarest birds. May's program is a speaker who is an expert on Trinidad-Tobago birds. June is the picnic, speaker TBD. Rob will send Steve info on wildlife tracking.

Old Business:

- Approval of the MOU was unanimous.
- Current grant requests/proposals:
  - We paid the red-headed woodpecker project \$2,000 based on its grant proposal.
  - The board again discussed the Minnesota Independence College and Community grant request for binoculars, field guides and other equipment after Matthew's follow up. \$1,500 was approved.
  - Audubon Center of the Northwoods' proposal for \$1,500 was approved.
  - Landscape Arboretum: The board's consensus was to reject the proposal.
  - New Brighton: The board's consensus was to reject the proposal.

- Friends of The Refuge: We will request an application from the Friends of the Refuge for \$1,500 for interns.
- The Ney request for \$1,650 has been paid.

On Steve's motion and Walt's second, the motion to fund all the above for a total of \$8,150 in awards was approved unanimously.

Matthew reported that he attended the gathering of state's Audubon chapters and enjoyed meeting other chapter leaders and explored ways to coordinate work.

Steve will be taking over as webmaster unless someone else steps forward.

New business:

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church wants \$200 for use of the church for CBC soup dinner. Rob suggested we contact The Refuge's CBC coordinator to explore using The Refuge.

On Becky's motion and Rita's second, the board unanimously approved adjournment at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Rob Daves, secretary