



## MRVAC Board Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2019

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

The agenda and minutes 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 March minutes.

Treasurer: Walt distributed and reviewed the January and February treasurer's reports showing a net worth of \$49,198.43 and reviewed recent sources and uses of funds. He indicated we were a bit behind in some fundraising, but that was made up by general contributions. He said we were in very good shape overall. The board accepted the reports.

Membership: No report.

Trumpeter newsletter: On Becky's motion and Bob's second, the board approved unanimously to pay Josh Sweet \$125 per edition when he starts as newsletter editor (August-September-October). Becky said the printed edition is done and will be mailed on Monday. She will purchase additional mailing labels.

Membership: No update, although Steve reported that the email list is up to 540, growing by about 10 each month.

Elections: Bob reminded board members who will be continuing to be at the May elections meeting. There is one vacancy, as Becky is retiring.

Website: Dave Cahlander has agreed to maintain the web site.

Programs: May's program is a speaker who is an expert on Trinidad-Tobago birds. June is the picnic, with Monica giving the program on spiders and birds.

Old Business:

- Current grant requests/proposals: We've paid all approved proposals and are waiting on the Friends of the Refuge application.
- The Refuge would like an attendance estimate for the picnic; we don't have historical records to inform us. The board will share an estimate of 20-30.
- We need an update on the Holbrook trip from Craig Mandel.
- Diamond Lake Lutheran Church wants \$200 for use of the church for CBC soup dinner. Greg Burns should contact The Refuge's CBC coordinator to explore using The Refuge.

- Monica will survey members about preferences for the day and time of this year's auction, which we traditionally have done the Thursday before Thanksgiving. (We will be unable to use The Refuge this year.)

New business:

- Bob has forms for the Bird-A-Thon.
- Monica suggested that MRVAC be represented at the upcoming Climate Conversations.

On Becky's motion and Ken's second, the board unanimously approved adjournment at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Rob Daves, secretary