



MRVAC Board Meeting Minutes: May 23, 2019

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

The agenda, minutes and *proforma* budget for 2019-2020 were distributed ahead of time. In Matthew's absence, Steve called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

Secretary: On Rob's motion and Ken's second, the board unanimously approved the April minutes.

Treasurer: Walt distributed the treasurer's report. He said there were many contributions with paid memberships. Net worth is \$46,845.82. We've gotten no request for funding for several organizations that usually ask; consensus was that Walt should contact those organizations. For the upcoming year's budget, the board asked Walt to add five payments of \$125 to the editor, and make up the shortfall from the grants total, and printing and publications. On Rob's motion and Steve's second, the board unanimously approved the budget of \$14,425.

Membership: No report.

Trumpeter newsletter: The most recent issue is a three-month issue. The new editor is Josh Sweet and new website manager, Dave Cahlander.

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. Steve has one fall program lined up, and needs suggestions for programs. Board suggestions include Sharon Stiteler, Stan Tekiela, Jim Gilbert, Jim Williams, Al Batt, a raptor center talk, and Karla Bloem at the International Owl Center. The Trinidad-Tobago speaker is tonight and June is the picnic with Monica's spider talk.

Elections: On Rob's motion and Steve's second, the board unanimously approved 11 board positions, and elected 10 members to the 2019-2020 board with one vacancy that needs to be filled. They include Rita Baden, Greg Burns, Rob Daves, LeeAnn Landstrom, Ken Oulman, Monica Rauchwarter, Matthew Schaut, Walt Stull, Steve Weston, Bob Williams. Matthew will continue as president; Steve, vice president; Rob, secretary; and Walt, treasurer.

Old business:

- Steve reports that The Refuge is interested in hosting the Christmas Bird Count soup supper.
- There's no update on the auction planning and site.
- The board will talk with Craig Mandel to get clarity on how the donations and travel agency contributions to the chapter work.

New business:

- We received an enquiry from Ashley Peters, Minnesota Audubon, as to who handles MRVAC's native plants programming. Matthew will let her know we don't have that initiative, and Steve will check with a member who might be interested.
- Bob let the board know that the Great Minnesota Birding Day could be resurrected.

On Walt's motion and Ken's second, the board unanimously approved adjournment at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Rob Daves, secretary