



## MRVAC Board Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2020

Present: Rita Baden, Lee Ann Landsrom, Ken Oulman, Monica Rauchwarter, Walt Stull, Bob Williams, Matthew Schaut.

Secretary's Report – Board approved minutes from last (October 2019) board meeting. Matthew takes minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Walt presents. Increasing number of local memberships. Auction and birdathon did not bring in as much money as in past years. Ahead on membership since not spending on shipping as we used to when we sent out the Trumpeter.

- MICC Annual Gala March 14, 2020. We supported them with a grant last year.
- Warm Winter Wishes from Minnesota Master Naturalists received.
- Audubon Center of the North Woods sent a greeting. They will now be called Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center.
- Received in our mail review copy of Robert B Janssen's Birds of Minnesota.

Membership Report – Greg: 136 local members and 967 national.

Trumpeter Report – Articles due by Feb. 1, 2020.

Programs Report – Steve

Old Business

- Board Motion to approve Robin Kutz as Board member-at-large approved.
- Annual Report – reviewed and completed.
- Trumpeter Award. Nominations requested.
- Climate Conversations Ice Harvest Event at the Resource Fair, Lee Ann plans to “spend some money” to make some copies of the Audubon Climate and Bird Report.
- Question of website development tabled until next meeting when Greg and Rob will be present. Concerns about changing hosts and hosting fees, and what are the annual costs?
- Grant proposals:
  - 1) Wild Ones Prairie Edge – MRVAC paid \$100.00. Board may be open to sponsoring more.
  - 2) Minnesota Landscape Arboretum proposal. Bob has two questions. -- what do you charge for your community programs? And what students do you draw from? Decision is tabled until these questions are answered. Monica will follow-up on this.
  - And to receive other grant proposals, board still welcomes grant proposals.

New Business

- Statewide Audubon Chapter and Audubon MN conference call Feb. 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. MRVAC board members encouraged to participate.

- Walt: Notes that MRVAC “is sitting on \$50,000.00. Is there anything we can do with that money? Put it to good use?” One proposal made by Bob is to buy some of Sax Zim Bog and to challenge the MOU to match. Idea of a Member Match contest. The sense of the Board is that this is a very good idea that will be pursued.
- Robin – *matching grants* opportunities? Board will research.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Notes by Matthew Schaut