

**Wabash Valley Audubon Society
Monthly Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
Terre Haute, IN
April 21, 2021**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order @ 5:01PM**
 - a. Nick Gabry
 - b. Phil Cox
 - c. Ray Peck
 - d. Carissa Lovett
 - e. Ellen Lunsford
 - f. Courtney Wiesepape
- II. Approve Minutes**
 - a. Phil motioned to approve corrected minutes from March 2021 meeting. Carissa seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- III. Membership Chair Report**
 - a. March Report: 176 Members
- IV. Treasurer's Report (Phil Cox)**
 - a. Checking: \$18,444.75
 - i. + \$50.00 Mogger's
 - ii. - \$50.00 Ruffed Grouse Society
 - b. Savings: \$2933.39
 - i. \$0.17 in interest
- V. WVAS Public Relations**
 - a. Facebook
 - i. 1,455 down from 1,456 likes
 - ii. 1,503 down from 1,505 following
- VI. Recently Completed Events**
 - a. March 17th, 2021 – Brad Bumgardner
 - i. Significance of the Indiana Dunes: Ecology and Migration
 - ii. ~13 in attendance
 - b. April 21st, 2021 – Helen Nesius and Tabitha Olsen
 - i. Northern Saw-Whet Owls: Indiana's Role in Current Research
 - ii. ~10 in attendance
- VII. Upcoming Events**
 - a. May 20th, 2021 – Annual Spring Picnic at Dobbs @ 6:30pm
 - i. All members welcome
 - ii. Bring your own food
 - b. June 21st, 2021 – Shake Your Tailfeathers: Birding Photography
 - i. Hosted by Vigo County Public Library, presented by Marty Jones
 - ii. 10am on Zoom

- c. August 18th, 2021 – Member Banquet
 - i. Dan Bradley confirmed for riverSCAPE talk
 - ii. Waiting to hear from Bob Warn for live entertainment
 - 1. Nick to find alternative ways to contact him (OLLI)
- d. October 2nd, 2021 - Terre Haute Bird Fest
 - i. 1- 5pm

VIII. Projects

- a. Indiana Bird Trail- Local Guide
 - i. **10 completed write-ups!**
 - ii. **All photos approved and uploaded to drive**
 - iii. **Statement from WVAS finished**
 - iv. Need tangible steps to finish over the summer. Content is basically all in place.
 - 1. Title: Wabash Valley Birding Trail
 - 2. Need cover photo
 - a. Photo with several types of birds at Wabashiki
 - b. Highlight a single bird: Bald eagle, Great Blue Heron?
 - c. Compile a group of 4-5 options and potentially hold a member vote
 - v. How are we constructing this?
 - 1. Jane envisions this being done professionally
 - a. Jane to figure out cost estimate
 - 2. Distribute paper copies (hotels, tourist-y areas) and put online
 - 3. Potential funding sources: Terre Haute Visitors Bureau (David Patterson – Phil to attempt to contact) and riverSCAPE
 - vi. Still need a site map for each location
 - 1. Nick to work on this
 - 2. Carissa to send over updated map of Dobbs
- b. Universal Mine IBA
 - i. Met over Zoom on March 25th with Apex, Lubovich, EcoLogic, AGL, and WVAS
 - ii. Established intent for a 50-acre easement in the SE corner of the plot, and Apex is currently working with Mitch to lease this land to prevent disturbance.
 - 1. Question if this is enough space for Henslow sparrows
 - 2. Want to look and survey the land
 - iii. There was supposed to be a site visit in early April. This was canceled and we are waiting on Apex to reschedule.
- c. Institute for Bird Populations
 - i. Donation has gone through!
 - ii. Will be kept in loop if Ohio Audubon agrees to joint-fund.
 - iii. Nick to send out announcement of partnership
- d. Winter Newsletter

- i. Distributed!
- e. Brochures
 - i. Updated! Ready for printing
 - 1. Phil to get some quotes about printing costs
 - a. ~500 or so copies
- f. SB389 Update
 - i. Bill was passed in a reduced form.
 - ii. Last chance is for Gov. Holcomb to veto.
 - iii. More to come soon.

IX. WVAS Fundraiser/Advertisement Ideas

- a. T-shirts
 - i. \$10 each, Sand or Gold, Sizes Kids Medium – Adult XL
 - ii. Can be purchased at member meetings, board meetings, and events

X. New Business

- a. Executive Board for next year
 - i. **President: Vacant**
 - ii. **Vice President: Vacant**
 - iii. **Treasurer: Phil Cox**
 - iv. **Secretary: Vacant**
- b. Recruit new leadership from membership and ISU
- c. Email membership to recruit for board positions

XI. Adjourn @ 6:08