

**Wabash Valley Audubon Society
Monthly Board Meeting
Dobbs Park Nature Center
Terre Haute, IN
Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order @ 5:15pm**
 - a. Carissa Lovett
 - b. Phil Cox
 - c. Nick Gabry
 - d. Jane Santucci (guest)
- II. Approve Minutes**
 - a. No official minutes to approve since last meeting was conducted through email.
- III. Membership Chair Report (Lucinda)**
 - a. Absent
- IV. Treasurer's Report (Phil Cox)**
 - a. Checking: \$17,624.50
 - b. Savings: \$2932.47
- V. WVAS Public Relations**
 - a. Facebook
 - i. 1,438 down from 1,444 likes
 - ii. 1,486 down from 1,487 following
 - b. Web page
- VI. Recently Completed Events**
 - a. **No new events since February due to COVID-19**
- VII. Upcoming Events**
 - a. Cornell/eBird October Big Day
 - i. October 17th, 2020
- VIII. Upcoming Board (5:00pm) & Member Meetings (6:30pm)**
 - a. September 16th, 2020
 - i. Annual Fall Picnic
 - b. October 21st, 2020
 - i. Speaker Event?
 - c. November 18th, 2020
 - i. Perry Seitzinger, Ruffed Grouse Society
- IX. Projects**
 - a. Bird Town
 - i. **Terre Haute has been re-approved for Tree City**
- X. 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

XI. New Business

- a. 2021 Terre Haute Bird Fest
 - i. Date has been set for March 2th, 2021 from 1pm – 5pm
- b. Potentially look into getting lighting for the walkway up to the Nature Center
- c. Indiana Bird Trail – Jane Santucci
 - i. The idea was introduced to profile local birding hotspots. These profiles would be submitted to Indiana Audubon in hopes of landing a spot in the Indiana Birding Trial. Additionally, Jane mentioned riverSCAPE would like to partner with WVAS to create a local version of the ‘Indiana Birding Trail’.
 - ii. 10 locations from a list of ~50 were selected for profiling and will collaboratively be worked upon by the members at large. The locations are as follows:
 - 1. JI Case Wetlands/Hawthorne Park
 - 2. Chinook Mines Fish and Wildlife Area
 - 3. Raccoon Lake/Cecil Harden Reservoir
 - 4. Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area
 - 5. Shakamak State Park
 - 6. St. Mary of the Woods (Collaborate with White Violet Center)
 - 7. Prairie Creek Park/Elliott Woods State Nature Preserve
 - 8. Fowler Park
 - 9. Trailhead Park
 - 10. Dobbs Memorial Park

XII. Adjourn @ 628pm