

**Wabash Valley Audubon Society  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Dobbs Park Nature Center  
Terre Haute, IN  
Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order @ 5:19pm**
  1. Carissa Lovett
  2. Larry Owen (guest)
  3. Annie Prosser
  4. Ellen Lunsford
  5. Lucinda Berry
  6. Nick Gabry
- II. Approve Minutes**
  1. Minutes from previous meeting were unavailable
- III. Membership Chair Report**
  1. Approximately 153 members
- IV. Treasurer's Report**
  1. Savings: \$2,930.80
  2. Checking: \$17,464.15
- V. WVAS Public Relations**
  1. Facebook
    - i. 1,447
- VI. Recently Completed Events**
  1. Bird Fest
    - i. April 6<sup>th</sup>
  2. Annual Meeting
    - i. April 17<sup>th</sup>
- VII. Upcoming Events**
  1. Bat Festival
    - i. September 21<sup>st</sup> at ISU Science Building – 10am to 4pm. Morgan Cheney is available at 10am, and Lucinda is available at 1pm. Nick will be at Dobbs from 4 to 9pm
- VIII. Upcoming Board (5:00pm) & Member Meetings (6:30pm)**
  1. October 16, 2019
    - i. Bob Bruner – Bugs After Dark
  2. November 20, 2019
    - i. **\*\*Need to Contact Corienne Bruner about availability for a talk\*\***
  3. December 18, 2019
    - i.
  4. January 15, 2020
    - i.

5. February 19, 2020
  - i.
6. March 18, 2020
  - i.
7. April 15, 2020
  - i.
8. May 20, 2020
  - i. Annual Spring Picnic/Cookout

**IX. Projects**

1. Bird Town
  - i. In order to label Terre Haute as a 'Bird Town' we need to have a City Forester in order to first allow us to be a 'Tree City'
2. **Annie** – proposed setting up service events targeting ISU students/organizations that will perform community services such as restoring the butterfly garden, or building bat houses to erect around town.
3. **Larry** – Proposed two large project ideas
  - i. Stopping the County Board of Health from spraying mosquito insecticide around the city. Current ideas for this consist of developing alternative methods (such as personal protection, and eliminating small pools of stagnate water) and an outreach plan, and bringing these to the attention of the Board of Health at their quarterly meeting in January.
  - ii. Putting up Purple Martin houses and Bat houses around the city and in public parks. A buy-back program was proposed in which WVAS would put out an offer (i.e. \$5 per unused Martin house) to the public, fix up the houses, and put them into good public use.

**X. WVAS Fundraiser/Advertisement Ideas**

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

**XI. New Business**

1. Web page
  - i. Needs some pages filled in
2. Banquet planning
  - i. Need to find a good place to hold the banquet on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
3. The idea was put forward to introduce new bird themed t-shirt color ways (i.e. 'Oriole orange', 'Cardinal red', etc...)

**XII. Adjourn @ 6:19pm**