

**Wabash Valley Audubon Society
Monthly Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
Terre Haute, IN
November 18, 2020**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order @ 5:09pm**
 - a. Nick Gabry
 - b. Ray Peck
 - c. Phil Cox
 - d. Carissa Lovett
 - e. Courtney Wiesepape
 - f. Ellen Lunsford
 - g. Lucinda Berry
- II. Approve Minutes**
 - a. Carissa motioned to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Lucinda seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Membership Chair Report (Lucinda Berry)**
 - a. National: 147
- IV. Treasurer's Report (Phil Cox)**
 - a. Checking: \$17,699.50
 - b. Savings: \$2932.48
 - c. Received a \$75 donation in memory of Phil Milliren
- V. WVAS Public Relations**
 - a. Facebook
 - i. 1,442 up from 1,439 likes
 - ii. 1,490 up from 1,487 following
- VI. Recently Completed Events**
 - a. October 21, 2020
 - i. Avian Conservation, Diet, and Genomics – Nick Gabry
 - ii. 8 in attendance
 - b. November 18, 2020
 - i. International Crane Foundation - Sophie Wolbert
 - ii. 9 in attendance
- VII. Upcoming Events**
 - a. December 20, 2020
 - i. Christmas Bird Count
 - ii. Nick to send out Bird Count information to all members and check with Peter about logistics (i.e. zoning)
 - b. March 27th, 2021, 1pm – 5pm
 - i. 2021 Terre Haute Bird Fest

VIII. Upcoming Board (5:00pm) & Member Meetings (6:30pm)

- a. December 16th, 2020 – Virtual
 - i. Member Photo Night
 - ii. Figure out best way to share photos virtually via zoom
- b. Phil talked to Perry Seitzinger and he is open to presenting at an upcoming meeting; secure for January meeting?

IX. Projects

- a. Bird Town
 - i. Go over the checklist
 - ii. Carissa contacted our forester about getting a copy of our Tree City USA certification on 11/18/2020
 - iii. We seem to meet necessary criteria. Next steps are to get documentation together and submit to become a Bird Town.
- b. Universal Mine IBA
 - i. Emailed Troy Peters on 10/27, haven't heard from Audubon since
 - ii. Apex energy moving forward with obtaining subsidence records
 - iii. Idea proposed to create overlook in this area and use funds from Audubon to cover liability insurance.
- c. Indiana Bird Trail
 - i. Profiling 10 locations – **DUE DECEMBER 1st**
 - 1. JI Case Wetlands/Hawthorn Park
 - 2. Chinook Mine Fish and Wildlife Area - PETER
 - 3. Raccoon Lake/Cecil Harden Reservoir
 - 4. Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area - DONE
 - 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. John G. Dobbs Memorial Park – DONE
 - ii. Try to focus more on sites with good amenities
 - iii. Broader focus for local publication

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
- b. BonFire Apparel sale
 - i. Board agreed to table this idea and potentially work with a local company to create t-shirts closer to Bird Fest.

XI. New Business

- a. No new business

XII. Adjourn @ 6:14pm