

**Wabash Valley Audubon Society
Monthly Board Meeting
Dobbs Park Nature Center
Terre Haute, IN
Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order @ 5:12pm**
 - a. Nick Gabry
 - b. Carissa Lovett
 - c. Ray Peck
 - d. Courtney Wiesepape
- II. Approve Minutes**
 - a. Carissa motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Courtney seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Membership Chair Report (Lucinda Berry)**
 - a. Lucinda not present – unknown
- IV. Treasurer’s Report (Phil Cox)**
 - a. Checking: \$17,624.50
 - b. Savings: \$2,932.47
- V. WVAS Public Relations**
 - a. Facebook
 - i. 1439 - up from 1438
 - ii. 1487 - up from 1486
 - b. Web page
 - i. Nick to update with new board members
- VI. Recently Completed Events**
 - a. Annual Fall Picnic
 - i. September 16, 2020
 - ii. 9 in attendance
 - b. Explore Wabashiki
 - i. October 10, 2020
 - ii. 25 in attendance
 - c. Cornell/eBird’s October Big Day
 - i. October 17, 2020
 - ii. Nick to look at Vigo County on eBird for participation count
 - d. Avian Conservation, Diet, and Genomics – Nick Gabry
 - i. October 21, 2020
 - ii. 8 in attendance + Phoebe the Cat
- VII. Upcoming Events**
 - a. Christmas Bird Count
 - i. Tentatively December 12, 2020
 - ii. Contact Peter to determine if he will facilitate this event

- b. 2020 Terre Haute Bird Fest
 - i. March 27, 2021
 - ii. Preparation to begin in January 2021
- VIII. Upcoming Board (5:00pm) & Member Meetings (6:30pm)**
 - a. November 18, 2020
 - i. Ruffed Grouse Society – Perry Seitzinger
 - ii. Potentially via zoom; possibility of projecting zoom presentation at Dobbs for members who would like to view in-person
 - b. December 16, 2020
 - i. Member photo night
 - ii. Details TBA
- IX. Projects**
 - a. Bird Town
 - i. Nick and Carissa to look into and provide more details about status
 - b. Universal Mine IBA – Grant Project
 - i. Phil to continue to facilitate communication between relevant parties
 - ii. What experience do we have as a chapter to manage habitat conservation projects or recruit for long term stewardship efforts?
 - 1. Not much. Ray has some knowledge. Carissa noted that collaboration with Land Conservancy would be helpful.
 - iii. If we haven't done this work, do you have interest in taking on such work?
 - 1. Yes, agreement that this is something WVAS is interested in pursuing.
 - c. Indiana Bird Trail – Jane Santucci
 - i. Need to determine “due date” for profiles
 - ii. Profiling 10 locations
 - 1. JI Case Wetlands/Hawthorn Park
 - a. Nick to complete
 - 2. Chinook Mines Fish and Wildlife Area
 - a. Nick to complete
 - 3. Racoon Lake/Cecil Harden Reservoir
 - 4. Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife Area
 - a. Contact Jane for information
 - 5. Shakamak State Park
 - 6. St. Mary of the Woods (Collaborate with White Violet Center)
 - 7. Fowler Park
 - a. Nick to complete
 - 8. Trailhead Park
 - 9. Dobbs Memorial Park
 - a. Completed by Carissa
- 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. Potentially get involved with Bonfire company
 - i. Provide logo/design to put on T-shirts, sweaters, etc. T-shirts can be purchased via Bonfire website. We would receive portion of profit. Bonfire handles shipping, printing, etc.

XI. New Business

- a. New photos for website
 - i. Courtney and Ray to provide photos for website

XII. Adjourn @ 6:04pm