**Wabash Valley Audubon Society**

**Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

**Dobbs Park Nature Center**

**Terre Haute, IN**

**Wednesday, October 3th, 2018**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order @ 6:37pm**

Present:

Morgan Chaney

Carissa Lovett

Ben Cvengros

James Cox

Lucinda Berry

1. **Approve Minutes**

Minutes were not emailed to the board. September and October minutes will be voted on during the November board meeting.

1. **Membership Chair Report (Lucinda)**

No update

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Phil Cox)**

Savings: 16,952.91

Checking: 2,929.49

1. **WVAS Public Relations**
	1. Facebook
		1. 1,446 likes (up roughly 20)
2. **Recently Completed Events**
	1. Clay County Nature Day
		1. September 8th

Roughly 150 people in attendance even though it was cold and rainy.

* 1. Bat Festival
		1. September 15th
		2. Daytime events: 10-4 @ ISU
		3. Evening events: 6-10 @ Dobbs

Things went smoothly on our end, nothing to report.

* 1. Member Meeting: Picnic
		1. Hawthorn Park - Tupelo shelter
		2. Pitch-in style

Reduced to once a year. Spring at Dobbs, which is a better choice for unpredictable weather conditions.

1. **Upcoming Events**
	1. Jr Birders Program
		1. November 17th 10-12pm
		2. Dobbs Nature Center
		3. $2.00 craft fee
	2. Bird netting program
		1. December 1st
		2. Dobbs Nature Center
		3. Free to the public
	3. Christmas Bird Count
		1. December 15th
		2. Contact Peter if you’d like to participate
2. **Upcoming Board & Member Meetings – 6:30pm**
	1. Member Meeting: Taylor Burris
		1. October 17th DPNC
		2. Need a write up/title for advertising

She will be talking about her undergraduate work with Dr. Speer on invasive species removal and its effect on tree growth.

* 1. Board Meeting
		1. November 7th
	2. Member Meeting: Hellbenders
		1. November 14th
		2. Need a write up/title for advertising

**\*\*\*November member meeting has been moved to the 14th to avoid holiday conflict\*\*\***

* 1. Board Meeting
		1. December 5th
	2. Member Meeting: Photo Night
		1. December 19th
		2. VCPL reservation has been cancelled and the event will be at Dobbs.
1. **Projects**
	1. Bird Town
		1. April 6th
		2. Update

We have finally made progress! We have set April 6th 2019 from 1-5pm as our tentative schedule. Times might fluctuate as planning progresses. We have come up with ideas for booths, demonstrations, crafts, etc. Lots of volunteers will be needed to make this event a success.

1. **WVAS Fundraiser/Advertisement Ideas**
	1. T-shirts
		1. $10 each, Sand or Gold, Sizes Kids Medium - Adult XL
		2. Can be purchased at member meetings and board meetings
	2. Something new…
		1. Have Phil place an order for whistles, stickers, and tattoos.
2. **New Business**
	1. Web page
		1. Almost completed
		2. October 16th switch – website will be down for a week
	2. Need member meeting ideas for spring!!

January, February, and March need member meeting plans and we also need a speaker for the banquet in April.

* 1. Anything else?

Considering investing in a prize wheel or Plinko board instead of the bird ball that popped. A new table cloth is also being ordered for events.

1. **Adjourn @ 7:25pm**