**Wabash Valley Audubon Society**

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

**Dobbs Park Nature Center**

**Terre Haute, IN**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order: 6:00pm**
   1. **Society Members Present:**
      1. Morgan Chaney
      2. Lindsay Forrette
      3. Kara Kish
      4. Lucinda Berry
      5. Zoe Delefortrie
      6. Phil Cox
2. **Approve Minutes for September 6, 2017 and October 4, 2017**

**September Minutes - Approve**

**October Minutes - Approve**

1. **Membership Chair Report (Lucinda)**
   1. 147 Current Members
2. **Treasurer’s Report (Phil Cox)** 
   1. Savings – $2,926.74
   2. Checking - $16,578.98
      1. Only October Expenditure: $20.50
      2. Idea: Move some money into a CD – Phil will look into it
      3. **Motion to Donate to Dewey Point: ~$6,000**
3. **WVAS Public Relations** 
   1. Facebook
      1. 1,411 likes (lost ten!!)
   2. Newspaper Advertising
      1. Success!
4. **Recently Completed Events**
   1. Emily Jacob from Quails Forever – October 18th
      1. 6pm @ Dobbs Park
      2. **Good Turnout ~ 17 people in Attendance**
5. **Upcoming Events**
   1. Sandhill Crane Field Trip – Meeting in 1:30pm in Rockville, IN @ the CVS
      1. Possible Dates:
         1. Saturday, December 9th
6. **Upcoming Board & Member Meetings: All at 6:30**
   1. International Crane Foundation – November 15th
      1. Location: Location: Dobbs Park Nature Center
      2. Presentation by James
   2. Member photo gallery – December 20th
      1. Location: Vigo County Library
      2. Carry-in: Appetizers & Desserts
   3. Dr. Jake A. Pruett – January 17th
      1. Location: Location: Dobbs Park Nature Center
      2. Reptile presentation, more in-depth description TBA
   4. Amber Slaughterbeck – February 21st
      1. Location: Dobbs Park Nature Center
      2. Presentation on bird population dangers
   5. Wildcare Inc. – March 21st
      1. Big event! 4+ animals with location TBA
      2. Contact about the Girl Scout Building – Fairbanks Park
      3. Back-up Location: Native American Museum @ Dobbs Park
7. **Projects**
   1. Bird Town
   2. Dewey Point
      1. Kara Kish (guest speaker) - Ideas for Funding for Dewey Point
         * 1. Commitment to Expend Funds (if Grant is obtained)

~$5,000 - $6,000 – for interpretive Signage

Completing Dewey Point to be primer birding destination

Priorities of Grant:

Added Amenities

Fan-shaped platform

Canoe/kayak launch

Interpretive Signage along paths

Creating a Driving Pathway (over next 5-10 yrs)

Vehicular Tours

* + - 1. Grant Application Meeting – Friday, November 3rd
         1. Terre Haute, Chamber of Commerce
         2. Lucinda plans on attend

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
      3. Available at Dobbs Park Nature Center
2. **New Business**
   1. Web page
      1. Need training and platform transition
   2. Banquet brainstorming!
      1. Date: Wednesday, April 18th
      2. Time: ^:00 pm
      3. Location Options: Morgan will contact
         1. Clabber Girl
         2. MCL
         3. Saratoga
3. **Adjourn: 7:37 pm**