**Wabash Valley Audubon Society**

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

**Dobbs Park Nature Center**

**Terre Haute, IN**

**Wednesday, September 5th, 2018**

**Minutes**

1. **Members Present**

Morgan Chaney

Carissa Lovett

Ben Cvengros

Lucinda Berry

Nick Gabry

1. **Approve Minutes**

Beginning the 2018/19 year, all minutes are up to date.

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

No report

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Phil Cox)**

Savings: -

Checking: -

No report, Phil had a medical emergency.

1. **WVAS Public Relations**

Facebook

1,436 likes

Turned off auto replies! Please keep anything automated turned off. It marks the messages as read and then we never get back to responding to them.

1. **Recently Completed Events**

None

1. **Upcoming Events**
   1. Clay County Nature Day
      1. September 8th
      2. 9am-1pm at the Fairgrounds

Ellen and Carissa will be working this event

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

Daytime events: Carissa, Ben, Morgan and Lucinda will attend for setup/event

Evening events: Cathy, Carissa, Morgan, Ben, Becky and Nick will be working

1. **Upcoming Board & Member Meetings – 6:30pm** 
   1. Member Meeting: Picnic
      1. September 15th
      2. Hawthorn Park - Tupelo shelter is reserved
      3. Pitch-in style so bring a side and your own drink/service ware!
      4. Will be voting in newer board members (James, possibly Dave)
   2. Board Meeting
      1. October 3rd at 6:30 pm

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

1. **Projects**
   1. Bird Town
      1. Need a festival
      2. Hosted at Dobbs

Fall/early spring event at the park. Crafts in the amphitheater, bird hikes, a table to introduce people to apps, etc. need lots of volunteers!

* 1. Dewey Point
     1. It has been assumed that the grant didn’t go through, therefore we would like to move the money donated in Suzie’s honor on to a new project. If we can get enough volunteers, we will run the bird town festival and make it in her honor.

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. Pins? Decals?

Something small we could sell for $0.50-$1.00

Ben is making thank you cards with his photographs on them

There should be an order of pens and water whistles on the way!

Possibly order the wooden whistles and sell for $2.00 (very popular at DPNC)

1. **New Business**
   1. Web page
      1. Almost completed
      2. Will be active by October
   2. Need member meeting ideas!!
      1. Graduate student spotlight – once in the fall and once in spring. Gives students practice presenting their research to non-scientists.
      2. Someone from Purdue Extension office?
   3. Snake road field trip
      1. October 14th at 10:30 AM. Meeting at Denny’s
      2. Also driving up on the 13th to stay in a hotel if that is more convenient for some.
2. **Adjourn @ 7:45 PM**