**WVAS Board Meeting**

**9/6/17 - Call to Order: 6:11 PM**

**Votes are highlighted in yellow**

**Members Present:**

1. Morgan Chaney
2. Zoe Delefortrie
3. Phil Cox
4. Carissa
5. Lindsay Forrette

**Approval for Minutes May 3, 2017**

 **Minutes Approved – All in Favor**

**Membership Chair Report (Lucinda)**

Not Present

**Treasurer’s Report (Phil)**

 Checking: $16,552.48

 Saving: $2,926.30

 *Note*: Typical mailbox expenses/year is approx. $90.00

Spend $20.00/month for Website

 Expenditures for August: $181 to mail prints from the Audubon Photography Exhibit

$49 in Stamps

**WVAS Public Relations**

1. Facebook
2. 1,422 likes
3. Costs of Ads?
	1. Wait on facebook ads and exhaust alternative modes of free advertising
	2. Ideas for free advertising include:
		1. News Paper Ads
		2. NPR or other Station for Community Announcements
		3. Channel 10
		4. ISU Website

**Upcoming Events**

1. Clay Co. Nature Day – September 9, 2017
2. 9am-1pm @ Clay Co. Fair Grounds

ii. Lucinda and Carissa should be working the table

1. Bat Festival – September 16, 2017
2. 10am-4pm @ ISU
	1. Carissa – all day
	2. Becky – 1pm on
	3. Nick – all day?

ii. 6pm-10pm @ Dobbs

* 1. Morgan – all night
	2. Zoe possibly
1. Annual Fall Picnic – September 20, 2017
2. 6pm @ Tupelo Shelter @ Hawthorn Park
	* 1. Robbie Tribby
	1. Carissa will attempt to contact
		1. Shelter has been reserved by Morgan
		2. Food: Pot-luck Style

a. Bring a dish/drink

* 1. Birding with WVAS: Feed the Birds –September 30, 2017
1. 9am @ Dobbs Park
	1. Placing Feeders and Strings of Popcorn
	2. Bus Trip to Audubon State Park, KY – Saturday, October 21, 2017

i. Reservations needed by: October 3rd

1. Cost: $70 (Lunch, Bus, Museum)
2. Details are available on the ISU Website: Search OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) on the indstate.edu and WVAS websites

**Upcoming Board & Member Meetings**

1. Emily Jacob from Quails Forever – October 1, 2017 @ 6pm – Dobbs Park
2. Topic TBA
3. November 15, 2017 – Amber
	1. Topics members were interested in:
4. Sights and Sounds of Vigo Co.
5. Caring for Our Feathered Friends
6. 2018 Member Meetings
	* 1. January 17, 2017

a. Dr. J. Pruett – Talk about Snakes/Herpetology w/ live herps

* + 1. February 21, 2018 – Indiana Raptor Center
		2. March 21, 2018 – Wildcare Inc.
		3. *Notes*: Possibly using the Girl Scout Conference Center near Fairbanks Park

**Projects**

* 1. Bird Town
		1. Still on hold
	2. Dewey Point
		1. Need update from Amber
	3. Audubon Photography Exhibit
		1. Successful, but the exhibition venue was less than desirable for viewing

**WVAS Fundraiser/Advertisement Ideas**

1. T-shirt
2. $10 each, Sand or Gold
3. Sizes: Kids Medium – Adult XL
4. Purchased at Member Meetings and Board Meetings

**New Business**

1. Kara Kish
2. Not present
3. Current Web Page
4. $20/Month – needs someone to maintain
5. Square Space Option: $12/Month
	1. Would still need someone to maintain the webpage and to transfer archived information to the new site
	2. Phil – Contact Marty about attending a meeting
	3. Member Meeting Ideas for Approval

* 1. Banquet Brainstorming
1. Tentative Banquet Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 typically
	1. Family Learning Days

i. No go do to conflicts w/ availability

* 1. Pioneer Days: October 7th & 8th
1. Likely not a good fit & no availability

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:35pm**