

BOARD MEETING 3/13

13 March 2024 / 7:00 PM Meeting start

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Dostal, Ned Grossnickle, Rob Pendergast, Susan Schuller, Anne Graham, Larry Graham, Jenny Christopher, Willow Pingel, Joe Schulz, Bob Lane, John Munson, Jan Seiler, Janet Smith, Brad Branwell-Zinda

NOTES

- **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Janet, seconded by Jan; carried & approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTUS Station with Jacob Woulf

- March 20th

Newsletter Deadline

- March 29th

Community Centered Solar Follow-up Meetings

- March 27 & 28; 5:30-8:30 pm
- ALAS wants to support; project should follow best practices

DISCUSSION

WIX Issues

- Double payments & cancellations
- Members potentially forget they have auto-renew turned on, send in check and then charged on site
- Setting must be turned on or off by members
 - Jenny to add notice to website to ensure members doublecheck
 - Susan to type steps to change settings, Janet to contact members

Aldo Leopold: 75th Anniversary of A Sand County Almanac

- Ned to write acknowledgement for newsletter
 - A Sand County Almanac was published posthumously in 1949 a year after Leopold died
 - When Aldo Leopold Audubon Society was founded, the org asked Leopold's daughter, Nina L. Bradley, permission to use father's name
 - Include directions to his cabin & encourage visits

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trips (Brad B.)

- Sunrise on Buena Vista: April 20th

Conservation (Ned G.)

- Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance (formerly Madison Audubon) Citizen Scientist bird collision reports
 - Documents species most affected & by what types of windows
 - Zoom training April 15 - June 1
 - Track for one week starting April 9
 - swibirds.org/bcc-sign-up to sign up; submit w/iNaturalist
 - ALAS aim to complete similar project in Stevens Point area next year
 - Spring 2025; can use same training as SWBA
 - Focus on residential buildings
 - Encourage residents to make windows bird safe (paracord bird savers; Feather Friendly glass)
- Sierra Magazine article: Against the Wind
 - Climate denial becoming rarer, but climate "delayism" now more common
- Union of Concerned Scientists: Countdown to 0
 - Political will is needed to back clean energy so we can reach zero emissions goals & change to the way the world is powered
 - To get U.S. fossil fuel emissions cut by 50% by 2030, clean energy grid must be expanded

Education (Bob L.)

- CWES and Boston School Forest applied for grants
- Haven't heard back from biology scholarships
- Alan Haney would love to read from Jewels of Nature on radio & do book signing

Publicity (Brad B-Z.)

- Newsletter out
- Cranes w/Stephanie Schmidt Facebook event needs speaker photo & blurb

Membership (Janet S.)

- Bird city updates sometime next month
- To put accessible bird walks information in Facebook posts

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm