

BOARD MEETING 03/13/25

13 March 2025 / 7:01 PM Meeting start

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Dostal, Rob Pendergast, Susan Schuller, Willow Pingel, Sarah Wood, Scott Reilly, Brad Baum, Anthony Martynski, Janet Smith, Jan Seiler, Joe Schulz, Bob Lane, Bob Freckman

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- **Action Items** Earth Day Event Laird Room in DUC on April 22nd
 - Asking ALAS to cosponsor, deadline 3/14/2025
- **Discussion Items** Mural Project
 - Ryan Branwell-Zinda shared ideas
 - Fundraising; finding the wall

NOTES

- **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Rob P., seconded by Susan S.; carried & approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025-2026 Program Ideas for April Meeting

- Start lists of program ideas & speakers w/location and contact information

May 3rd Mumford Property Site Visit & Bird Hike

- NCCT leading bird hike w/Dan Belter
- Site visit for that day? Saturday May 3rd

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mural Project

- Potential locations:
 - Recycling Connections has already spoken with business managers of 3 or 4 buildings downtown
 - Children's Museum entrance or some alleyways they'd like to make more inviting
- A few muralists already in mind
- WIP

Upcoming Events

- Prairie Chicken Festival April 12th
 - Susan S. tabling
- Rob leading Ice Age Trail Alliance hike April 12th
- Boston School Forest Earth Day Event April 13th
 - Sarah W. & Karen D. tabling

Recruitment Committee Report (Willow P. & Scott R.)

- Main meeting in May approve of officers, give list of rest of board members
- New President will assign other people to chair positions
- Have not heard back from public about interest in joining

Saving Our Songbirds Together w/Lisa Gaumnitz (Brad B-Z.)

- She's ready to do program, Acopian BirdSaver workshop 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 - Materials will be there
 - Not been posted to FB page yet, but will be in statewide press release

ACTION ITEMS

Community Engagement Funds & Crex Meadow Trip

- Not heard anything back from Audubon Great Lakes yet
- Go ahead and plan Crex Meadow Trip for our chapter
 - National Scenic Riverway campground
 - June 14th

Earth Day Event

- Sponsoring Citizens Climate Lobby Earth Day Event
 - Motion on willingness to sponsor; Jan S., seconded by Scott R., motion carried & approved

Reviewing Name Change Subcommittee Applicants

- Things to consider for each of 9 applicants:
 - Their respect to board & process, interest in doing the work, that they're open to the process & understand the purpose, and that they will be unbiased
 - Why do they want to serve? What can they contribute? Have they demonstrated tangible & useful skills
- How many members would be appropriate? What demographics?
- Applicants Selected:
 - #1 Brad Branwell-Zinda; #2 Sarah Wood; #3 Susan Schuller; #4 Scott Ahern; #5 Janet Smith; #7 Nancy Stevenson
 - Motion to approve subcommittee members by Brad B.; seconded by Rob P.
 - No further discussion
 - Ayes: 10; Nays: 1
 - Motion carries & approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Almanac (Lora H.)

- Newsletter deadline 3/28/25
 - Recruitment committee will need to have list in

Website (Rob P.)

- March Speaker info up
- Event for BirdSaver workshop up
- Bird walk schedule up & updated some things on about page

Field Trips (Brad B.)

- Platte River Nebraska Rowe Sanctuary next week
- Sunrise in the Buena Vista April 27th in morning
 - Will write up something in Newsletter for that

Publicity (Brad B-Z.)

- Karen to send Brad reminder about BirdSaver workshop to post on FB

Membership (Janet S.)

- Membership renewals dropped off a bit last month

Conservation (Rob P.)

- Work Day through Prairie Chicken Project removing barbed wire fence to improve habitat
 - March 23rd, 9am - 3pm
 - Meeting on 5th avenue halfway between County Line Rd & County M
- Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has filed appeal against approval of Vista Sands Solar project
 - Rob has statement prepared
- Bird flu update
 - Spreading to mammals; spread among songbirds is lower
 - All About Birds article shared to FB page
- Contact reps to oppose massive deforestation proposed by administration on National Land

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm