

Wabash Valley Audubon Society board meeting  
Grand Traverse Pie Company

April 3rd, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Members present were Carissa Lovett, Phil Cox, Phil Milliren, Helen Vermillion, Lucinda Berry, and Ellen Lunsford.

The minutes from the March 6th board meeting were approved as corrected; Phil C. made the motion and Helen seconded.

Lucinda gave the Membership Chair report. We currently have 300 members; 13 are new. Lucinda will send welcome letters to new members. She will also send a letter to any members that have cancelled their national membership to remind them that they can still be members of the local chapter.

Phil M. gave the Treasurer's report. There is \$4,498.59 in checking, \$456.96 in the Memorial Fund, \$5,000.00 in CDs, and \$60.00 in cash.

Carissa gave the Conservation and Education report. The chapter has received information on many different festivals. On April 23rd, the City of Terre Haute is having an Arbor Day Urban Forest Awards Reception; social hour is at 6:00, ceremony is at 7:00.

There were two invasive removals at Dobbs Memorial Grove in March, on the 22nd and the 29th; there will not be another removal until May 24th. There will be an "Honoring Eradicators" appreciation picnic on that day.

Carissa shared some possible items to order for give-a-ways. Carissa will contact First Financial Bank regarding the use of their bus for a trip to Goose Pond. Board members will talk to Lee Sterrenberg at the banquet.

The April/May edition of the NNN will most likely be published before the April 16th Banquet. Marty will be sending out e-mail notifications of upcoming events to those on the e-mail list.

Phil M. nominated Joe Dickson for the James Mason Award; Phil C. seconded the motion and it carried. The April 16th Banquet is "Migratory Birds of Goose Pond FWA: Global Conservation Significance". Our last upcoming meeting for the spring is the May 21st Member Picnic at Forest Park. Upcoming board meeting is May 1st and the Great May Day Bird Count is May 10th.

Recently completed events were the Board meeting on March 6th, Birding with WVAS at Dobbs Nature Center on March 15th with Marga Barcelo Serra, and the March 19th member meeting on the topic of 'Rescuing Our Reptiles'.

Upcoming public events are Birding with WVAS on April 5th, with Helen identifying birds, Earth Day at ISU on April 16th, Earth Day at White Violet Center for Eco-Justice on April 26th, and Birding with WVAS on May 31<sup>st</sup> (with Ellen). Other future Birding with WVAS

dates are on June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th (volunteers still needed). September 6th is Clay County Nature Day from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Marissa Goetschell and Ashley Keller were made chapter-only members by the board. They help Carissa with a number of events. Phil M. made the motion and Helen seconded.

We currently have 189 'likes' on Facebook. We now have a Hospitality Chair, Robbie Tribby.

Native Plant Sales - Phil C. found that there are native plant sales McCormick's Creek at the Nature Center on April 12th, May 10th in Lincoln Square in downtown Urbana, IL, and INPAWS is having one in Indianapolis, also on May 10th (check their website).

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Helen motioned, and Lucinda seconded. The next board meeting is May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Travers Pie Company.