

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members present were Carissa Lovett, Phil Cox, Lucinda Berry, Kate Bergeson, and Ellen Lunsford, and guest Scott Bergeson.

The minutes from the March board meeting were read; Phil made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Lucinda seconded.

Lucinda shared the membership chair report; we have 287 members (278 national, 9 chapter-only).

Phil gave the treasurer's report; there is \$6,268.28 in checking, \$2,922.35 in savings (money from mature CD included), and \$2,500.00 in a CD (which matures in August). Phil completed the IRS form. Phil has also ordered supplies to hand out at events.

Conservation and education report – Carissa attended the National Association for Interpretation conference from March 23rd-26th. There is no invasive species removal in April; the next date is May 23rd.

Recently completed events were the March 18th member meeting with Dr. Marion Jackson presenting on "Trees of Indiana", and March 21st was Birding with WVAS (Early Migration Hike) with Dr. Peter Scott.

Upcoming final board meeting before the summer break will be May 7th. Upcoming member meetings are the April 15th banquet, and the May 20th Spring picnic. Fall meeting dates are September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, and December 16th.

The Big May Day Bird Count is May 9th. Carissa is talking to Karen Staub to set up a wildflower field trip; date and time to be announced. Upcoming WVAS-related events are Birding with WVAS (Warblers), and Earth Day at White Violet Center at St. Mary of the Woods, both on April 18th. Spring/summer Birding with WVAS dates are May 30th, June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th.

It was discussed that the chapter might order milkweed plants to give away to members at the May meeting. Ellen made a motion to order the milkweed plants; Kate seconded. The motion carried.

Andrew Hoffman is helping Carissa and Joe Dickson with the Dobbs Memorial Grove bird checklist. We have 312 likes on Facebook.

Nominations for officers were discussed; the slate of officers and board members will be introduced at the April meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time.

There was no new business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Phil made the motion; Kate seconded. The next board meeting is May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Traverse Pie Company.