

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. Board members present were Carissa Lovett, Katie Spicer, Lucinda Berry, Andrew Hoffman, Denise Prothero, Scott Bergeson, Kate Bergeson, and Ellen Lunsford. Amber Slaughterbeck, Morgan Chaney, and Eloise Bergeson were introduced as our guests.

The February minutes were approved; Lucinda made the motion and Andrew seconded. There were no March minutes due to not having a quorum at the March meeting.

Lucinda will send the most recent membership numbers through e-mail or wait until the next meeting to report them.

Phil was not present, but sent the treasurer's report ahead of time; there is \$8,493.08 in the checking account, and \$2,924.11 in savings.

Conservation and Education report – The ISU Statesman Towers Peregrine falcons have re-nested in a different location and have a clutch of four eggs. It was also reported that White Nose Syndrome is now in Washington state. Bat populations seem to be stabilizing where WNS was first found in New York state, with the exception of a few types.

Recently completed events were Birding with WVAS on March 12<sup>th</sup> (Spring Migration Hike), the March 16<sup>th</sup> member meeting with Mark Booth Birds of Prey, and a field trip to Goose Pond on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, which included sightings of pelicans and an American Bittern.

The last board meeting date for 2016 is May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Travers Pie Company. Member meeting dates remaining for spring 2016 are the April 20<sup>th</sup> (banquet) and May 18<sup>th</sup> (picnic) at Dobbs.

The next upcoming public events with WVAS involvement are Earth Day at White Violet Center at St. Mary of the Woods is April 16<sup>th</sup> and Emily's Walk at the Wabashiki wetlands on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in honor of longtime member Emily Herrington, who passed away late last year. April 30<sup>th</sup> is the bird feeder workshop at Dobbs; volunteers are still needed. The May bird count is May 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Midwest Bird Fest is at Hawthorn Parke on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

WVAS currently has 1,292 likes on Facebook!

Eco-Logic in Bloomington, which has native plant sales and a new greenhouse, is open to the public from May 7<sup>th</sup>-June 18<sup>th</sup>, and could be a possible destination for a field trip.

Carissa is working on bird photos for the nature center. WVAS will have milkweed to distribute for a \$1.00 donation at various events.

New business – Amber was nominated for next year's board president, Morgan for secretary, Phil for treasurer, Lucinda for membership chair, and Kate, Scott, and Denise for board positions. A vice-president and board nominations are still needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next board meeting date, time, and location will be determined by the new board at a later date.