

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
November 5, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Adams County Agricultural Center and was convened at 4:32 pm by President, Deb Siefken. Those present were Mike O'Brien, Mike Bertram, Betsy Griffiths, Jon Griffiths, Nancy Locher, Cy Deitz, and Kathy Gelner.

President's Report – Deb noted that collaborative grant applications are due to Pennsylvania Audubon soon and she is working on ours.

Vice President's Report – Linette was unable to be present because her road is flooded.

Secretary's report - Kathy said that she had sent thank-you notes to the young woman we sponsored for the Wildlife Academy and the friend of hers who gave a short presentation about their experiences studying Turkeys at the September meeting.

A correction to the September 11 meeting minutes under the Education section should show that Deb would contact the Arendtsville Elementary School rather than Biglerville School which responded too late last year to have the Hershey Zoo America visit. Mike B moved and Nancy seconded that the minutes of the March 13 meeting be approved with no changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolved that: the minutes from the September 11, 2018 board meeting be approved by the board.

Treasurer's report - Mike B presented the treasurer's report and a 2019 budget (printed at the end of these minutes) noting that that he didn't know why but National Audubon sent us an extra \$75. Jon moved and Kathy seconded that the report and budget be approved and it passed unanimously.

Resolved that: the Treasurer's Report and 2019 be approved by the board.

Committee reports:

Programs –

Nov. 19 - Martyn Kenefick, author of Trinidad & Tobago field guide

Jan. 28 - BJ Small with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation [Date change due to the MLK holiday]

March 11 - Possibly Derek Stoner

May 20 -

June 17 -

Dec. 10 - York Audubon, Scott Weidensaul "A Galaxy of Falcons" 7 pm

Publicity –

Bonnie Portzline will continue to mention SMAS meetings and bird walks in her column in the *Gettysburg Times* but because it runs at the end of the month Kathy will send a notice to the

*Times* to be published the week before the meeting. Her announcement of the October meeting was published.

#### Field Trips –

Nov. 13 - Duck Drive 8:30 at Winebrenner parking lot

Nov. 17 - Oakeside Park 8 am

Nov. 20 - Battlefield birdwalk with the speaker

Dec. 15 - CBC

Dec. 22 - Oakeside Park 8am

Ideas for birdwalks and overnight field trips for 2019

Membership – Mike O’Brien said that there are approximately 234 members living in our area.

#### Education –

- Betsy reported that eight *Audubon Adventures* kits were purchased for use by five teachers in Lincoln, Bendersville, Arendtsville, Biglerville and Franklin Township elementary schools.

- Hershey Zoo America will present a program at Arendtsville Elementary on May 6 at 9:15am.

- SMAS will consider supporting two applicant for the Wildlife Academy if the funds are enough and there are two eligible applicants.

Conservation – Carole is still working on putting up the Important Bird Area sign at Sach's Bridge and Kathy at the Quarry Pond on the Gettysburg College campus.

Hospitality – Linette will provide refreshments in November and Deb and Ralph in January.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Oakeside Park – Deb sent an email to Mary Harman requesting a meeting to discuss future projects/plans.

- Bluebird box - Jon

- Elections - No one resigned and no one new volunteered. Linette and Deb will switch positions. We will need to announce the slate of officers at the November meeting for the elections that will be held at the March 2019 meeting.

- “Friendly Birding Competition” - We discussed improving the contest to involve more people and additional birds that should be added to the lists.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Diversity statement - A board member suggested that we put a diversity statement on our website. The following is a suggestion - “Inclusivity and Diversity: The society strives to foster a climate of purposeful inclusion of all people. We value the diversity of racial and cultural identity and background, nationality, sexual and affectional orientation, gender identity and its expression, religious background and belief, marital status, family structure, age, mental and physical health and ability, political perspective, and educational and class status.”

The Board passed the statement as suggested unanimously.

- Annual luncheon – The luncheon will again be held at Hickory Bridge on April 27.
- Bonnie Portzline had a voice message from a reader of “Bird’s-Eye View” who also had read an article about the PA Game Commission request for comments on endangered birds (and, I see in another source, three kinds of bats.) She is wondering if South Mountain Audubon Society is responding. She seems interested in supporting SMAS if it is. She is a recent transplant to Adams County who sounds interested in joining SMAS if it is doing advocacy and projects. Nancy moved and Mike B seconded that we comment on this. Deb will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the SMAS Board will be at 4 pm on February 12 at the Adams County Agricultural Center. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn L. Gelner, Secretary

**Proposed budget for FY 18 - 19 [ July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020]**

	Budget FY 18 - 19	Actual FY 18 – 19 so far
1. Donations	\$1,700.00	\$75.00
2. Interest from investments	\$50.00	\$29.00
3. Annual Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Presentation Costs	\$400.00	\$175.00
5. Administration Costs	\$550.00	\$393.00
6. Education Costs	\$800.00	\$368.00
7. Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$832.00</b>

NOTES

1. The administrations cost item is payment for our insurance policy that is required to use the Ag Center.
2. The Education cost is for Audubon Adventures.
3. We have not had any money from Audubon at this time.

Submitted by Michael Bertram, Treasurer

