

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AUDUBON SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 6, 2019

The Board of Directors of the South Mountain Audubon Society (SMAS) met on May 6, 2019 at the Adams County Agricultural Center.

President Linette Mansberger called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm with the following board members present: Deb Siefken, Betsy Griffiths, Jon Griffiths, Mike Bertram, Nancy Locher, Mike O'Brien

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Linette reported that SMAS will have a table inside at the Green Gathering which will be held on June 1 from 11-3:30pm at the Ag Center. Set-up will begin at 10:30. Besides Linette, Nancy, Carole and Mike B. will help.

Fifteen people responded to Linette's invitation to a Beginner Birding Class. This generated \$150 for our club. A field trip to Ayers Road on the battlefield will be conducted May 21 at 8am. Rain date is May 23rd.

Since there are a number of new folks showing up for the meetings, it was suggested we start using name tags - necklace type for the board and sticky type for all others.

A review of the annual luncheon showed we lost \$38.00. To avoid this in the future, it was suggested to raise the price or have an alternate event.

Linette handed out an updated email list for the board members.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the February 25, 2019 board meeting was presented and there were no corrections or additions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Bertram's Treasurer's Report looked fine and was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs: Upcoming programs include:

May 20 - "Birds of Prey" by Nixon Park and Mark Kocher. The donation box will be available.

June 17 - Marci Mowery, President of the PA Parks & Forests Foundation, will speak about birding, hiking and kayaking in state parks.

August 5 - annual picnic to be held at Mike Bertram & Kathy King's home.

September 23 - Dr. Kevin Chase, Bartlett Tree Research Lab - "Non-native Insect Pests and Their Effects on Birds"

Oct. 21 - Dr. Alex Trillo, Assistant Professor of Biology at Gettysburg College - "Amphibian Research"

Nov. 18 - Kristi Allen, Program Coordinator, will speak about the Pennsylvania Plant Conservation Network. An invitation to the Gettysburg and Biglerville Garden Clubs should be extended.

Dec. 14 - Christmas Bird Count - Mike B. and Mike O. will work on the map.

Publicity: Bonnie Portzline and Kathy Gelner are doing a great job. Deb will send announcements to Gettysburg Times for "What's Happening" column. Bonnie Portzline might start writing for the Emmitsburg newspaper.

Field Trips: Upcoming field trips:

- May 11 - International Migratory Bird Day at Spangler's Spring 7:30am
- May 17 - Battlefield Walk - meet at PA Monument at 8am
- May 21 - Beginner Bird Class Field Trip at Ayers Road at 8 (raindate May 23)
- May 24 - Michaux POW Camp - meet at camp at 8am or at Mike & Kathy's house at 7:45am
- June 7 - State Game Land #249 near Heidlersburg @ 7:30am
- June 14-17 Breeding Bird Blitz - Linette will head up a team
- BJ Small canoe trip on hold
- Mike B. will organize two kayak trips - beginning of August to a local area - Codorus or Pinchot and an end of August trip to the Conejohela Flats
- Fall - Betsy & Jon recommend mid-October; perhaps Oct. 19 & 20 because it is the 80th anniversary of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge
- other suggestions - Cy next spring Morgan Run; Linette will check on Stony Point walk

Newsletter & Membership: It was decided to eliminate the quarterly newsletter. Information will be disseminated through the website and Linette's monthly reminders. She will also update the email list.

Education: Betsy reported that the Wildlife Leadership Academy scholarship will go to Nathan Maysilles, an 8th grader at New Oxford. He will study the Ruffed Grouse and give a presentation at the September or October meeting.

Hospitality: May - Mark Luongo; June - Nancy

Old Business: Linette requested that Mike put the diversity statement on the website.

New Business: It was agreed not to have a stand at the Heritage Festival in Sept. Also, there will be no prizes for the "Friendly Competition."

The next meeting of the SMAS Board will be at 4:00 on Monday, Sept. 9 at the Adams County Agricultural Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Siefken