

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AUDUBON SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 25, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:02 pm by President Linette Mansberger. Due to Covid-19 considerations, it was held on Nancy Locher's porch. Others present were Deb Siefken, Mike Bertram, Betsy Griffiths, Jon Griffiths, Nancy Locher, Carol Deardorff, and Kathy Gelner.

President's Report

Linette reported that a \$100 donation was sent to Laura Jackson to cover her costs to speak at our meeting and for the Military Macaw fund in Mexico.

A donation of \$100 was also made for SMAS to participate in the Breeding Bird Blitz (now B4C).

June 21 – Bonnie Portzline will present her talk on Birds with a Gettysburg Address for the June SMAS meeting at the Sterner Building at Gettysburg Rec Park from 6-8 pm. We will have to pay a rental fee of \$103 to use the building.

Vice-President's Report

Because of SMAS's status as a non-profit, we would be eligible to participate in the Adams County Giving Spree but Deb moved that our earlier decision to participate be tabled given the problems of the past year. There are other organizations providing the more essential services of addressing the lack of food and housing for those in our area which need donations more than we do at this time. Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the last board meeting were presented and approved with no changes.

Resolved that: the minutes from the October 20, 2020 board meeting be approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Mike presented the Treasurer's Report which showed that donations are down but so were expenditures.

Mike also announced that he will be resigning from his position as Treasurer at the end of the year. He and his wife, Kathy King, will be spending more time in Arizona than they have in the past and it will be too difficult for him to continue to serve, but he will still run the website.

Committee Reports

Wildlife Education: Betsy Griffiths reported that it had been a "weird year"! As far as we are aware there were no Adams County participants chosen this year to attend the Wildlife

Leadership Academy, but if we are contacted, we will consider sponsoring a student. Otherwise, we will table SMAS sponsorship until next year.

Competitions: The Spring Migration contest, which Mike is currently running, is almost over. Mike will run the Backyard Bird Count in June and July.

Remainder of 2021 Meetings:

July and August - no meetings

A celebration lunch to mark our 40th anniversary will take place in late September, either Saturday the 18th or Saturday the 25th.

October 25

November 15

Christmas Bird Count - Saturday, December 18

January – Possibly Linette's Borneo program

Field Trips

Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30 am – Oakside Park

Saturday, June 12 – probably led by Evan Vaeth at Codorus State Park

B4C - Friday, June 18 - not planning to publicize to everyone; mostly just the Board. Two people at a time must count the entire day. After starting out at Linette's, others can join at the Quarry Pond at 7:30 am.

Saturday, June 26 - Salisbury Farm at 7:30 am

July 10 - Willoughby Run at the old Country Club at 7:30 am

Saturday, July 24 (31 rain date) - Big Spring a Newville at 7:30 am

August – none planned

September - Hawk Watch?

Next board meeting – Monday, July 26, 4 pm probably on Nancy's porch.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn L. Gelner, Secretary