

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AUDUBON SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 26, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:05 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, Nancy Locher, Carol Deardorff, Carole Simon, Cy Deitz, and Kathy Gelner.

President's Report

Breeding Bird Blitz (now B4C) – Linette received a thank you note for SMAS's participation.

Bonnie's gift card – A gift card to B&H photo was purchased for Bonnie Portzline to thank her for her many years of excellent articles written for the *Gettysburg Times*. We will present it to her at the next available public opportunity.

Rec Park refund update – we decided to leave the funds for the cancellation of the meeting in case we need to rent the facility in the fall.

Beginning Birder Class – Linette will hold classes in September or October at the library, since we do not know if the Ag Center will be open then. She plans to have three sessions, one to one-and-a-half hours long followed by a field trip. She may incorporate the field trip to the Peach Orchard as well.

Vice-President's Report – nothing to add.

Secretary's Report

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

Resolved that: the minutes from the May 25, 2021 board meeting be approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Bertram announced that he was resigning at the end of the fiscal year, June 30. Carol Deardorff has agreed to be the new Treasurer. Mike will work with her so that the bank is informed that she is the new treasurer and she can sign checks.

Committee Reports

Competitions - The Fall Migration contest, which Mike is running, will begin in the next day or two.

Remainder of 2021 Meetings:

A celebration dinner to mark our 40th anniversary will take place September 16 – The banquet

will be at Inn 94 at 5:30 pm. Linette will send reminders. Guests can order from the special menu at the time of the dinner so there will be no reservations or prior payment. For dessert we will have a Kennie's sheet cake with appropriate wording. Kathy King and Mike Bertram will provide games and contests and there will be an "Open Mike" where guests can recall special memories.

Bonnie Portzline suggested inviting Rev. Joyce Schutt and her husband to be guests at the banquet. Joyce's father, Howard Musselman, was the first SMAS president. Only Nancy Locher remembered Howard but she pointed out there were others who were instrumental in the founding and that his daughter has never attended any of the meetings or other functions. By general consensus it was decided not to follow up on Bonnie's suggestion.

Time and Location of the following monthly meetings to be determined -

October 25 – Rob Fergus – "Birds Among the Modern and Ancient Maya"

November 22 – Bonnie Portzline – "Birds with a Gettysburg Address"

Christmas Bird Count - Saturday, December 18 – Tally Rally at The Pike

January 24 – Linette – "Borneo: Land Below the Wind"

Other suggestions for 2022 -

Carole Bergmann (Kathy's cousin's wife) – Native Plants or Invasive Species - spring

Brandon Pentz from Nixon Park – Hawks prior to a Hawk watch in the fall of 2022. Laurie Goodrich from Hawk Mountain (suggested by a member)

Field Trips -

September –

4 - Dave Taylor - Gamelands 242 (small game hunting begins on the 11th)

11 - Rock Creek (Cy)

25 - Peach Orchard

October -

2 - Michaux, hike led by Mike Bertram

9 - Plum Run Road – Global Big Day

10 - Big Sit on TPR [Sunday] – not public

November –

27 - Duck Drive

December –

2 - Conowingo Dam – to see Bald Eagles

18 - CBC

Carol Deardorff and Deb Siefken agreed to check out some other areas for future ideas.

Old Business – none

New Business

Accept resignation and Appointment of Treasurer - Constitution Language - *If by reason of resignation or death, or for any other reason, vacancies exist whereby the Board has not the full complement of Directors, the Board may proceed to elect a Director or Directors to fill such vacancies and the Director or Directors so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of members.* Deb moved and Carole seconded that we accept the resignation of Mike Bertram as treasurer and elect Carol Deardorff to be the new treasurer, effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

Gettysburg Connection – It costs \$50 month for a minimum of 3 months to sponsor a page. “We’re looking for a local organization to help create the content for this page and sponsor the work of others.” Nancy knows the editor and will found out how to submit news. Mike moved and Carol seconded that we participate, but not sponsor a page at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

SMAS Patches

We will have two patches – the original and an anniversary one

Evan Vaeth already ordered 100 of the old ones. The Board saw the new patch which has a Red-headed Woodpecker on it. Everyone liked it and we agreed to ask him to get 100 of the anniversary ones as well in time for the 40th Anniversary banquet. While we were discussing the new patches, a family of Red-headed Woodpeckers visited Nancy's suet feeder and seemed to approve of the new patches.

Next board meeting – Monday, November 1, 4 pm at the Ag Center, if possible.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn L. Gelner, Secretary