

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AUDUBON SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 12, 2017

The Board of Directors of the South Mountain Audubon Society (SMAS) met on September 12, 2017 at the Adams County Agricultural Center.

President Deb Siefken called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm with the following board members present: Linette Mansberger, Betsy Griffiths, Jon Griffiths, Carole Simon, Nancy Locher, Mike Bertram, and Kathy Gelner,

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Deb reported that she was able to pass along ink cartridges from a discarded printer.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's Report for the April 11, 2017 board meeting was presented and there were no corrections or additions.

Resolved that: the minutes from the April 11, 2017 board meeting be approved by the board.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mike Bertram's Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget, attached, were reviewed.

Resolved that: the Treasurer's Report for September 2017 be approved by the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Programs:** Upcoming programs include:

September 18 - "Andy Wilson - "Drones and Birds"

October 16 – Lisa Williams - "The Status of the Ruffed Grouse and Other Ground-Nesting Birds"

November 20 – Andy Wolfe - "Rattlesnakes on South Mountain" (no live snakes will attend the presentation!)

January 8 – Members' best photos or a film. We discussed the logistics and legality of showing a film.

Children's program in the spring – We discussed having a presentation at a school, given the poor attendance on a school night for a program at our regular meeting place. We only had 10 children attend this year. Linette will call the schools to follow up.

**Publicity:** Bonnie Portzline has been contributing publicity information with her "Bird's Eye View" column in the Gettysburg Times which brought us a new resident to the last birdwalk. She is writing a column about SMAS and asked for input from the board. Deb will follow up with Cindy to see if she has been contributing information to local papers,

since the *Gettysburg Times* does not seem to be publicizing our meetings and Carole will follow up with the local radio station to see if we can get them to mention our meetings and walks as public service announcements.

**Field Trips:** Upcoming field trips:

October 13 – Oakside Park, Biglerville, 8 am

October 20 – Gilbert Road in Michaux State Forest, meet at Mike and Kathy's at 8 am

October 26-28 – Trip to John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove and Tinicum

(John Heinz NWR)

November – Oakside Park and pond-hopping for waterfowl

December 16 – Christmas Bird Count

**Newsletter & Membership:** Mike O'Brien was not in attendance. Give information to Mike for the next newsletter by the end of September.

**Education:** Betsy and Linette contacted local schools where the 16 classrooms that have been receiving the *Audubon Adventures* are located to see if they wish to continue to get the magazines. Only two responded. The cost per classroom for a subscription is \$38.50.

Sarah Hardy, the high school student who received a scholarship from SMAS to attend the Wildlife Leadership Academy this past summer, studied Bass (fish). She will attend the October SMAS meeting to talk about her program.

Betsy suggested that we might want to consider giving more books to schools and will raise that suggestion at the next Board meeting.

**Hospitality:** Melissa and Cy will provide refreshments in September, Nancy in October, and Jon and Betsy in November.

## OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of Bird Sanctuary at Oakside Park – Monthly visits to the park to create a bird list to be posted on our website are scheduled throughout the fall and winter. Jon is creating a sign showing that SMAS has adopted the sanctuary which will ready by April.

Because of SMAS's involvement with the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology's meeting on the same weekend, we will not have a presence at the Heritage Festival this year.

## NEW BUSINESS

New officers will be elected at the January meeting. There will be an announcement at the November meeting and in the next newsletter.

We are considering having the annual luncheon, which is held on a Saturday at the end of April, at a different venue this year. Board members will check with various other restaurants in town for availability and prices.

The next meeting of the SMAS Board will be at 4:00 on Tuesday, November 14 at the Adams County Agricultural Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Gelner