

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Adams County Agricultural Center and was convened at 4:02 pm by President, Deb Siefken. Those present were Linette Mansberger, Mike O'Brien, Betsy Griffiths, Jon Griffiths, Nancy Locher, Cy Deitz, and Kathy Gelner.

President's Report – Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report – Linette reminded everyone that October 6 is Big Day sponsored by E-Bird.

Secretary's report - The June 12 board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Jon moved and Mike seconded that the minutes of the March 13 meeting be approved with no changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolved that: the minutes from the March 13, 2018 board meeting be approved by the board.

Treasurer's report - Mike Bertram is out of town but sent in the budget which noted that we had \$370 left over. We will discuss what to do with it at the next board meeting.

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

Committee reports:

Programs –

September 17 - "Members' Best" Celebration of Nature; Wildlife Leadership Academy presentations

October 15 - Cindy Ross, author, *My Educational Tools - Nature and Travel*

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

December – no meeting; Christmas Bird Count

January 14 or 28? - B.J. Small with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

February – no meeting

March 18 – possibly Derek Stoner of the PA Game Commission to speak about spring migration

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.

Field Trips –

September 15 - Oakside Park, 8am

September 21 & 22 - American Birding Expo in Philadelphia

September 25 - Battlefield birdwalk – 8 am at Ayers Road; September 28 rain date

October 6 – Big Day at the Battlefield

October 20 - Oaksid Park, 8 am

November 1 & 2 - Hawk Mountain, staying at Microtel in Hamburg

November 13 – possibly a wildfowl walk in Adams County. Nancy will come up with a list.

November 20 - Battlefield birdwalk with the speaker

December 15 – Christmas Bird Count

Newsletter – The next newsletter will be sent October 1 so deadline is the end of September.

Membership – Mike O’Brien had nothing new to report.

Education – Betsy reported that both Lincoln Elementary and Arendtsville Elementary responded that they are still interested in receiving subscriptions to *Audubon Adventures*. Betsy will also contact those who received the magazine in the past.

Deb will contact Biglerville Elementary which responded too late last year to have the Hershey Zoo America visit to see if they are interested this year. Betsy suggested that our extra funds be spent on buying more books to donate to local schools. The young woman we sponsored for the Wildlife Academy and a friend of hers will come to the next meeting to give a presentation about Turkeys. Betsy said that at the end of the season the Wildlife Academy when asked that we pay the tuition for a student who attended but had no sponsor she turned them down. Everyone supported this decision - we want to choose those we sponsor.

Conservation – Carole was not present

Hospitality – Linette will provide Panama brownies, Deb local cider and pretzels, Kathy apples, and Jon ginger cookies for the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Oaksid Park – Deb will talk with Mike Bertram to discuss plans with the grounds crew.

NEW BUSINESS

We will need to announce a slate of officers at the November meeting for the elections that will be held at the March 2019 meeting.

We will have a fall edition of the “Friendly Birding Competition” to see who sees that latest departures, earliest arrivals, and note pass-throughs. Mike Bertram will monitor.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the SMAS Board will be at 4 pm on November 5 at the Adams County Agricultural Center. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.