

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AUDUBON SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 25, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Deb Siefken at the Agricultural Extension Office building. Others present were Vice President Linette Mansberger, Treasurer Carol Deardorff, Mike Bertram, Nancy Locher, Carole Simon, Cy Deitz, Jon Griffiths, Betsy Griffiths, and Evan Vaeth. Judie Hogan and Sarah Fretz were invited to attend, as well.

President's Report

Deb introduced Sarah Fretz who gave a presentation on her ideas for creating programs involving children and families. The board asked many questions and showed much interest in developing something like this, but it was suggested that we start small in 2023 to gauge potential and interest.

Deb reported that the slate of officers is ready to present at the November board meeting for the January election. On the ballot will be:

Vice-President – Linette Mansberger

Secretary – Kathy Gelner

Treasurer – Carol Deardorff

Directors at Large – Nancy Locher, Cy Deitz, Carole Simon, Evan Vaeth

Webmaster – Mike Bertram

Conservation – Judie Hogan

Education – Sarah Fretz

Vice-President's Report

Linette shared a thank you note from Bermudian Springs Elementary regarding the Hershey Zoo America program that we sponsored.

Secretary's Report

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

Resolved that: the minutes from the May 23, 2022 board meeting be approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Carol presented the 4-month expenditures since our last meeting and a proposed budget for 2022-2023. She also reported on the CD accounts.

Committee Reports

Education:

Jon and Betsy shared information on their responsibilities for Wildlife Leadership Academy, *Audubon Adventures*, and purchasing library books so that Sarah would be aware of her responsibilities as Education Chair. Jon has been in communication with the Montessori School about library books and is waiting for a list of books they would like to order. There was no response from the Vida Charter School.

It was agreed that we would again sponsor a Hershey Zoo America program for a local school. Linette will check for connections at Lincoln Elementary.

Carole Simon will assume Education chair responsibilities for the remainder of 2022.

Sarah raised the possibility of sponsoring a local educator to participate in the Flying WILD program offered by DCNR.

Programs:

November 21 – John and Cheryl Dawson – “An Introduction to the World of Mushrooms and Fungi” – An honorarium of \$100 was agreed upon.

January 23 and March 20 are proposed dates for early 2023 meetings. Sarah will look into the possibility of scheduling programs on vultures, black bears, bees, and other possibilities - including programs that might be offered by Strawberry Hill.

An April meeting will be considered if we have enough programs.

Linette volunteered to do a program in May about Papua New Guinea.

Field Trips:

November 5 – Monterey Pass at 9 AM

November 19 – Duck Drive – following protocols to avoid High Path Avian Influenza

December 17 – CBC – Since Mike Bertram will be out of state during the winter months, Evan Vaeth has agreed to coordinate the CBC. Mike will mentor him. Linette will look for venues for the Tally Rally. She has already contacted a few local hotels and is waiting for replies. If this does not produce any results, she will poll the membership to see if there would be any possible venues available through any of them.

January 7 – Evergreen Cemetery at 9 AM

Evan, Cy, and Linette will explore other possible field trip options at Boiling Springs, Mechanicsburg, and Rainbow Lake for the future.

Tony Arnold has volunteered to lead a spring walk on Knox Road.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

The annual fundraiser email will be sent by Linette just after Thanksgiving.

Mike will look into printing costs for the South Mountain Birding brochure.

Deb reported that Eva Blankenhorn from Eisenhower Farm is interested in organizing bird walks on the property. Available board members will do a dry-run on October 30 at 8:30 AM and the first walk might be scheduled for November 12 or 13.

Next board meeting – TBD in late January or early February

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linette Mansberger, in the absence of Kathy Gelner.