

Topeka Audubon Society
Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday January 9, 2008
3440 NW Button Rd – Karlyle Woods
Topeka, Ks. 66618

Glenn Caspers, Board President, called the meeting to order at about 7:00 PM. Besides the Board President, Glenn Caspers, the following Directors' were present: Carol Morgan, Gary Haden, Linda Zempel, Janeen Walters, Sarah Merrill, Diane Llamas, Patsy Rush and Joanna Lacoursiere. Absent were Paul Willis, Karen and Joel Sipes.

Minutes from the meeting 11/07/07 were reviewed. Carol moved to accept the minutes as written and Linda seconded. All approved.

Glenn gave the Treasurer's report as follows: The Birdathon held during the Christmas Bird Count garnered \$80.00. \$300 approved at the 11/07/07 meeting to be given to Kansas Audubon Society was donated as designated. Glenn then reviewed the budget with the comment that it appears to be running smoothly. Since there were no questions or comments, Joanna moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and Carol seconded. All were in favor.

The upcoming Lawn and Garden Show Booth, scheduled 2/16-18/08, was discussed. TAS was offered a free booth, a generous offer that was considered by the Board. After some discussion, it was decided that TAS needed to focus on other activities given the manpower needed (24 hours) and the low rate of membership garnered from such activity in the past.

Re: A Second Bird Seed Sale. TAS has decided to make a focused effort to have another Bird Seed Sale. Volunteers from the Board will cover the event held again at The Wild Bird House. Economical and timely brochures will be obtained to sent to TAS members and notice will be given in the Topeka Capital Journal. The event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd. Glenn will let Board members know the official date and need for volunteers as well as to negotiate a special TAS blend if possible.

Carol had nothing new to report re: The TAS Sanctuary. Glenn reported that a CD was due for renewal and \$3,000 was transferred from the CD into the Money Market account. This transfer was done to make sure funds are available for future Sanctuary expenses related to restroom renovation.

The Christmas Bird Count Potluck Dinner was attended by 33 people. Thank you Gary for organizing and hosting the Bird Count and Dinner Site in your home!! The dinner was festive and delicious, the count yielded 76 species and 26,000 birds (mostly Canada Geese, Starlings and Juncos). The cost per participant, \$5, was discussed in terms of future expense to TAS. Perhaps a donation per participant will be asked next year.

The TAS Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2008, hosted by Café Millenium again and the speaker will be Al Pollum. An invitation will be in the March Newsletter and the cost will be similar to the last few years.

Preliminary discussion was held re: a slate of Officers next year. Several Board Members are willing to serve on the Board again and some in other capacities than present. In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, changes are needed in the Constitution and By-Laws; Carol will email copies of same to each Board member. Both items above will be discussed, decided upon or clarified at the TAS March Meeting in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

The Next Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the home of Carol Morgan, 2607 SW Westport Dr.

As there were no concerns from Board members otherwise, Gary moved and Linda seconded the motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna D. Lacoursiere