



Saint Paul Bird Alliance

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2025
Amherst H. Wilder Center, St. Paul, MN

Call to Order

The Saint Paul Bird Alliance Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 2025. President Greg Burnes called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Those attending were Vice-President Kiki Sonnen, VP of Communications Martha Douglas, Treasurer Neil Carlson, Secretary Amanda Rice, Monica Bryand, Fran Kennedy, Debbie Brown, Craig Cox, and Cathy Croghan (for Field Trip update).

Current Business

Approve December 2024 Minutes

Martha moved to approve the minutes. Neil seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

- Neil provided the following update on our current assets:
 - US Bank Checking: \$25,205.06
 - US Bank Savings: \$2,985.42
 - US Bank Certificate: \$16,813.28
 - TruStone Certificate: \$33,950.88
- Neil renewed the CD with US Bank in December, 3.29%, May 10 maturity date. The name change was completed. He also consolidated the old PayPal account with a new PayPal account and closed the old account.

2024 North Saint Paul Christmas Bird Count Update

- One hundred participants this year covered all 15 territories.

Outdoors Together Event

- [Communications were sent](#) for the January 19 event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and sponsored by Urban Bird Collective, Land of Lakes Bird Alliance, and the City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation.
- Greg will send an email looking for volunteers.
- There will be indoor and outdoor activities (snowshoeing, bird watching, sketching/drawing, and game tables).

Committee – Program Updates

- Field Trips from Cathy Croghan: We held 46 trips last year, including 13 urban trips. Urban and first-ring suburb trips represent more than half of our program (56%). Six hundred ninety-three people attended 44 trips at 37 sites, led by a team of 24 volunteer field trip leaders.

- Grants from Craig: We reviewed and funded nine grant applications last fall. Craig led a recent revision of the guidelines and application. Greg will create an email address specifically for grants. Fran will work with Craig to create Google Forms for future applications and reports.
- Communications from Martha: noted all communications about our name change last year, six issues of the Cardinal, and the annual report. Advises keeping in coordination between our communication channels. Martha will connect with Fran on cross-training.

Open Issues

- Joint meeting w/ Land of Lakes Bird Alliance BoD – Decision made to delay until March.

Adjourn – Next BoD Meeting Feb. 3 (Monday) - 5 PM – Wilder

The Board adjourned the monthly business meeting at 6:53 pm.