



Call to Order

The Saint Paul Bird Alliance Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, March 3, 2025. President Greg Burnes called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm. Those attending were Vice-President Kiki Sonnen, VP of Communications Martha Douglas, Treasurer Neil Carlson, Secretary Amanda Rice, Monica Bryand, Fran Kennedy (Zoom), Debbie Brown, Craig Cox. Marian Weidner, president of the Land of Lakes Bird Alliance, joined.

Current Business

Approve Last Month's Minutes

Martha moved to approve the Minutes without revisions, and Monica seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Neil provided the following update on our current assets as of March 3, 2025:

- US Bank Checking: \$22,233.09
- US Bank Savings: \$6,473.20
- US Bank Certificate: \$16,813.28
- TruStone Certificate: \$33,950.88

Neil and Greg need to meet at TruStone to gain account access.

Event Updates

- Warbler Weekend is May 9-10, 2025 and planning is on track. We have the new pricing, and the online registration form is completed and ready to be turned on April 1. We received the new audio system. The total price was a little over \$500 and we are splitting the cost with UBC. Participating in the Friday night event will cost an additional \$5.
- The Field Trip Leader Thank-You meeting is on March 12, 5:30 p.m., at the Maplewood Nature Center. We received the new branded hats. Please let Greg know if you are coming.
- Kiki is taking the lead on the TC Bird Festival and is working with LLBA to prepare materials. Please get in touch with her if you would like to help.
- We have two spring cleanup events on the calendar. Both are on the website, and Greg will include them in our chapter meeting reminder, which will go out around March 10. Greg will also send a separate email to our volunteer list, mention them at our Field Guide TY meeting, and invite the folks (~ 10) who responded to our volunteer request on the Keystone note.

Committee-Program Updates

Nominations

Working on slate of candidates for April 25 update.

Grants

I reviewed additional proposals that came in by the deadline of February 15. The rest will be reviewed for the fall deadline. Will move to one grant cycle at that point. Board voted yes to move forward on both of these grants:

- Osprey Wilds is restoring 16 acres of wildlife habitat. Other organizations are also contributing \$3000.
- Saint Anthony Park Community Council - \$1000.

Communications

Martha is working on the April/May Cardinal. Will help with the June/July Cardinal. Discuss ideas about the format in the April meeting.

Field Trips

We are collaborating with LLBA to sponsor two Birdability field trips in May and June. The April/May Cardinal will have a list of field trips.

Open Issues

Joint Meeting with Marian from LLBA BoD

- Collaborated on the January event, working on the Birdability events—cost sharing with Zoom subscription.
- We can collaborate more through table events, speaker events, and digital art for merchandise.

Adjourn – Next BoD Meeting April 7 (Monday) - 5 PM – Wilder

Craig moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32; Martha seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.