



Call to Order

The Saint Paul Bird Alliance Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, April 7, 2025. President Greg Burnes called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. Those attending were Vice-President Kiki Sonnen, VP of Communications Martha Douglas, Treasurer Neil Carlson, Secretary Amanda Rice, Monica Bryand (Zoom), Debbie Brown, Craig Cox.

Current Business

Approve Last Month's Minutes

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

Treasurers Report

Neil provided the following update on our current assets as of April 7, 2025:

- US Bank Checking: \$26,208.89
- US Bank Savings: \$9,473.43
- US Bank Certificate: \$16,813.28
- TruStone Certificate: \$34,350.51

Neil will work on the annual budget review to be posted before May 1

Committee-Program Updates

Nominations

A panel is working on a slate of candidates for officers and board members for the April 25 update. This must be posted 10 days before the election. The website will include a photo and a short biography; you can link to that on the voting form.

Grants

Craig sent a summary of projects from this round of grants. Reviewed one proposal that came in; they would need to provide additional information in future grant proposals. Greg created a section on the website called "Grants in Action."

Communications

Martha provided a summary of recommendations for a communications transition plan. Ideas to consider in the future:

- Stop producing the bi-monthly Cardinal newsletter after the June-July issue.
- Send 1-2 emails a month with outgoing communication.
- Use the website as the primary place to hold all the information.

Field Trips

The board reviewed the binocular purchase proposal from the field trip chair. Currently, leaders with three or more trips have a set of two extra binoculars. For bigger events, a kit of 14 binoculars is available. Revisit additional binoculars during next year's field trip plans.

Conservation

- Cardinal Woods cleanup scheduled for May 19. Anticipating at least 15-20 attendees with St. Paul Parks and Rec.
- Added Keystone WMA initiative to work plan.
- Kiki working with St. Paul and Friends of the Mississippi.

Event Updates

- Warbler Weekend is May 9-10, 2025, and planning is on track. There have been over 100 registrants so far.
- Tabling Preparation: Kiki has joined with Land of Lakes Bird Alliance (LLBA) to host an information table at the upcoming Twin Cities Free Bird Festival at Mississippi Gateway Regional Park on Saturday May 17 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Open Issues

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

Martha moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36; Neil seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.