



Saint Paul Bird Alliance

Board of Directors Minutes Monday, April 6, 2026, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

**Amherst H. Wilder Conference Center
451 Lexington Parkway North
St. Paul, MN 55104
Conference Room 2510**

1) Welcome and Call to Order

The Saint Paul Bird Alliance Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, April 6, 2026. President Kiki Sonnen called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Those attending were Vice-President Debbie Brown, Treasurer Neil Carlson, Secretary Amanda Rice, Monica Bryand, Jen Gleason (guest), Micki Long (guest), and Jeff Cook (guest).

2) Recent bird sightings

Discussed recent bird sightings

3) Approve Last Month's Minutes

Monica motioned to approve the March minutes, and Debbie seconded. Unanimously approved.

4) Treasurer's Report - Neil Carlson

Neil provided the following update on our current assets as of today. Grant checks have been distributed.

- US Bank Checking: \$13,162.75
- US Bank Savings: \$8,970.48
- US Bank Certificate: \$17,088.14 – Maturity date is July 10, 2026
- TruStone Certificate: \$35,953.42 – Maturity date is February 2027

5) UBC and Warbler Weekend

UBC is planning to sign up 35 people.

Registration is open, and another announcement was sent in the program email today.

6) Committee reports

a) Communication and outreach - Amanda Rice

- i) Greg Burnes is managing the Cardinal and is working with Allison Campbell Jensen for edits. The next newsletter will go out before April 13.

b) Conservation committee - Debbie Brown and Monica Bryand

- i) Chimney swift monitoring - close to 140 initial volunteers, up from 15 last year, covering 100+ sites. Training in process. Will also have hands-on training and more guidance on timing, including in the Duluth area. Will have more swift-sits in the summer and the fall.
- ii) Kestrels monitoring is in progress.
- iii) Still waiting to hear from St. Paul Parks and Rec as they go through the hiring process for a new contact. May be able to partner with the 3M Sustainability group for an event at Maplewood Nature Center.
- iv) Landscape Revival is scheduled for June 6 in Lake Elmo.

- c) Education committee - Kiki Sonnen - in progress with ideas
 - d) Field trips and events committee - Kiki Sonnen
 - i) The Spring Volunteer Event was held in March at Maplewood Nature.
 - ii) Currently scheduled for 42 events this year. Reviewed the next few scheduled events.
 - e) Grants committee - Craig Cox
 - i) Discussed memo from January 29, 2026, with revisions to the future grant process.
 - f) Nominating committee - Kiki Sonnen. On May 14, a slate of candidates will be presented, and elections will be held at the annual meeting. The nominating committee is actively preparing for May 14.
 - g) Program committee - Kiki Sonnen. Kara Snow will speak on pileated woodpeckers on April 9 (Zoom). Carrol Henderson will speak on May 14 (in-person). The next season of speakers has been outlined and will continue to be sponsored by the Land of Lakes Bird Alliance.
- 7) Other business - question and answer session with the guests
- 8) Motion to Adjourn

Neil moved to adjourn at 6:32 pm. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.