

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members present were Carissa Lovett, Phil Cox, Lucinda Berry, Kate Bergeson, and Ellen Lunsford, and guest Scott Bergeson.

The minutes from the March board meeting were read; Phil made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Lucinda seconded.

Lucinda shared the membership chair report; we have 287 members (278 national, 9 chapter-only).

Phil gave the treasurer's report; there is \$6,268.28 in checking, \$2,922.35 in savings (money from mature CD included), and \$2,500.00 in a CD (which matures in August). Phil completed the IRS form. Phil has also ordered supplies to hand out at events.

Conservation and education report – Carissa attended the National Association for Interpretation conference from March 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. There is no invasive species removal in April; the next date is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Recently completed events were the March 18<sup>th</sup> member meeting with Dr. Marion Jackson presenting on "Trees of Indiana", and March 21<sup>st</sup> was Birding with WVAS (Early Migration Hike) with Dr. Peter Scott.

Upcoming final board meeting before the summer break will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming member meetings are the April 15<sup>th</sup> banquet, and the May 20<sup>th</sup> Spring picnic. Fall meeting dates are September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and December 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Big May Day Bird Count is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Carissa is talking to Karen Staub to set up a wildflower field trip; date and time to be announced. Upcoming WVAS-related events are Birding with WVAS (Warblers), and Earth Day at White Violet Center at St. Mary of the Woods, both on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Spring/summer Birding with WVAS dates are May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>.

It was discussed that the chapter might order milkweed plants to give away to members at the May meeting. Ellen made a motion to order the milkweed plants; Kate seconded. The motion carried.

Andrew Hoffman is helping Carissa and Joe Dickson with the Dobbs Memorial Grove bird checklist. We have 312 likes on Facebook.

Nominations for officers were discussed; the slate of officers and board members will be introduced at the April meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time.

There was no new business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Phil made the motion; Kate seconded. The next board meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Traverse Pie Company.