

Topeka Audubon Society

2011 Planning Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2011

Present: Evelyn Davis, Judy Billings, Tara Porter, Paul Willis, Sarah Merrill, Bob McElroy, Bob Edwards, Gary Anderson, Carol Morgan, Glen Caspers, James Malcom, Janeen Walters and Debra McKee

Evelyn Davis started off with everyone introducing themselves and thanking all for attending.

Gary with Jayhawk Audubon Society attended and indicated that they are open to sharing and exchanging ideas and coordinating or sharing field trips.

Idea: to have an officer in charge of Membership. Part of the duties have been started with a letter to new members, and a lapsed members letter is started but not sent. Another option is to change so all members expire at the same time.

Send a survey to members about what they would like to see from membership in TAS - Survey Monkey is an option to use. Possibilities to ask: Are you interested in: camping, extended trips, butterflies, wildflowers and an eBird training session.

Audubon of Kansas is bringing KS Audubon societies together. Note: places that are part of AOK; Mt Mitchell, Prairie dogs and Black footed Ferrets, Hutton Ranch. Possibility of adding an overnight trip to field trip list.

Overnight Campout

Audubon/Sierra/Kaw Riverkeepers - canoe trip

Squaw Creek - contact before visiting for special places for groups to visit.

Steve Roels - field trip coordinator for Jayhawk Audubon

Pioneer Bluffs - prairie chickens - also Alma.

Work with Butterfly - Wildflowers - Reptile - Monarch tagging people for the Warren Nature Area

Janeen Walters has the program meetings lined up for 2011-2012

Sept: Philicia McKee - Keep America Beautiful- Topeka/Shawnee County

Oct: Mike Watson - Eagles

Nov: Chuck Otte - Owls

Jan: Laura Calwell - Riverkeepers

Feb: Jeff Hansen - KNPS

Mar: Ghostbird video

Apr: Annual dinner - Ted Cable - Africa

Wakefield - KS Birding Festival - April 27-29, 2012

Bob McElroy - welcome to camp, kayak on his property

Not so Competitive Birding contest - possibility is to send out groups to where ever they want to go and then meet up for lunch and see who saw the most birds.

Wild Bird House - Beginning Birding sessions at the store.

Jayhawk Audubon - Eagle Days and Earth Day activities.

North American Migration Count (NAMC)

There is no longer a National coordinator. Possibility is to change the day to a friendly bird count - Big Day in Shawnee County, 2nd Sat in May.

Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Dec. 17th - Jim Malcom

Jim would like to change the areas covered - needs more people - 4 sections with Captains for each section. Get an article in the Capital Journal ahead of time to get more people to help.

Fliers posted at Wild Bird House to promote the feeder watch part of the count - also Tarwaters and Orschlens. Schedule a meeting in September to plan and coordinate.

Shunga BioBlitz - suggestion is to have people posted around the park to help anyone that wants to learn about birds, flowers/plants and reptiles.

Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library - Green Day - something to participate in.

Respectfully Submitted by Debra McKee

Topeka Audubon Society Board Secretary