

Minutes

Sassafras Audubon Society Board Meeting

7:00 p.m., February 2, 2016 – Geoff Conrad's Home

Present were: David Rupp, Denise Gardiner, Tommie Grav, Geoff Conrad, Rosemary Saurer, Amber Smallwood, Amanda Kelly, Alex Tanford and Rob Hongen.

Blue type indicates an action item assigned to board members.

1) **December minutes** --Reviewed and approved with amendments from Jessica.

2) **Treasurer's report** – Reviewed and approved. Minimal activity in the last 2 months

3) **Publicity Chair** – Tommy talked to Derek and he is willing to take this position.

4) **Banquet: April 7th Devault Alumni Center**

Rob suggested Rob Fischman as a potential speaker for the banquet. The committee thought this was an excellent idea and [Alex will contact Rob Fischman to see if he is interested and available](#). The committee has information from two caterers. The committee is also looking into alternatives for serving alcohol. The Board decided there would be no silent auction but an art show is a possibility if someone is willing to arrange it.

5) **Membership/Friendship**

See the attached document. The Board agreed with the recommended proposal. Anyone joining NAS in our area is automatically a member of SAS. Anyone making an annual donation to SAS is a Friend of SAS. [Tommy and Rob will work on changes to the web site and communications with Members and Friends](#). This will include offering the post card and the Leaflet electronically to all Members.

6) **Chimney Swift Project**

The WonderLab tower is in place and awaiting electronics. The Harmony tower has been installed. Jessica is still in negotiations with Steve Cotter of BP&R concerning the towers along the Jackson Creek Trail. This is going more slowly than expected. Jessica plans to apply for an Archer Foundation grant through Montessori School for a tower there.

7) **GBBC in Local Schools**

Amanda is arranging bird counts in 7 area schools on Friday, February 12, and Monday, February 15. [David and Amanda are considering purchasing some bird posters to use for the bird counts](#).

8) **Working with City of Bloomington**

Denise noted that the City of Bloomington never followed through with the transfer of funds for the invasive species removal for last summer. In addition, Jessica has had very slow progress in working with the City for the Jackson Creek Trail swift towers. The Board discussed addressing this with care so that our relationship with the City of Bloomington would not be jeopardized.

9) Monthly Social Meeting

Tommy brought to the Board some ideas on changing our monthly SAS meetings. He recommended we consider adding childrens programming and changing to a venue that promotes more social interaction. [Rosemary and Tommy will continue this discussion and bring their ideas to future Board meetings.](#)

10) Post Card/Leaflet

The post card is out. [Tommy is working on the leaflet and would like submissions about GBBC—Amanda, swift towers—Jessica and Rob, events—Rosemary, birding etiquette—David.](#)