

MNA Board Meeting Agenda
7/1/08 House of Teresa Root 5pm

In attendance: Jamie McBride, Joel Light, Krista Prokosch, Mara Koenig, Pam Welisevich, Teresa Root, Rob Blair

Not here: Jodi Gustafson, Katie Hoeschen, April Rust, Hallie Wunsch

Meeting called to order at: 5:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Mara, seconded by Joel

Review of Committee Reports

Secretary's Report: The contact information for memberships needs to be switched in newsletter Teresa's address.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve treasurer's report by Mara, seconded by Krista

Review of Standing Committees Reports

Program Committee: No committee meeting since last board meeting

Information Network Committee Report: No report submitted

Metro Training Committee Report: 50 people attended at Tamarack; comments heard by board members from colleagues attending was that information wasn't as helpful as thought it would be; presented more theory than techniques or activity ideas; suggestions made to have an evaluation form to get better feedback and to put logo on promotional information (needs to say snacks "provided by")

Nominating Committee Report: Need to start thinking ahead for November election

Legislative/Related Agency Liaison Committee Report

Policy re: campaigns/legislative information to members; motion by Pam for creating a policy for promoting legislative issues; 2nd by Jamie; needs to be on a case-by-case basis for what we would do; for *Vote Yes* would support the organizations many of us work for; \$20 limit on what we can contribute;

- Motion: In an effort to educate the membership of MNA, MNA's legislative committee would bring potential actions to the board to endorse or educate on a case-by-case scenario to be evaluated by the board so it aligns with the mission statement and policies of the organization. Motion: Mara; seconded by Pam approved
- Motion by Rob; seconded by Joel to educate and endorse *Vote Yes* – our logo on their website; link to their website from ours; article in newsletter; approved

Bird Conservation Minnesota Update: Hiring Breeding Bird Atlas coordinator; not posted yet;

MAEE update: 140 people there; will do more with conference idea; member event in August

SEEK Update: can now display our information there

EEAB Update: GreenPrint has gone to the printer, should be out mid-

August. Workshops to follow this fall and winter on how to best use Minnesota Children and Nature Connection: workshop – planning fall conference aimed at parents; looking to get big-name speakers; our role could possibly be as presenters or exhibitors; what they are promoting is what we are about –

Ad Hoc Committees Reports

Promotion and Outreach Committee Report: Nothing new to report; Rob will contact Amy Rager about locating a Master Naturalist Volunteer to design our brochure; They'll give my name as the contact person.

Environmental Stewardship/Scholarship: No luck on getting a committee together; will begin calling people to see if interested in serving on committee

Fund Raising

Continuing to work on donation letter (for conference support)
Compiling a list of potential donors

New Business

Justin Fay – *VoteYesforMN* campaign: presented and explained what the amendment is all about and what we can do both to educate and advocate and stay within legal restrictions;

Old Business

Budget Mock Up: Jamie presented a version; Pam will work on revising it.

Discussion Items

Board Check in

Accountability Chart

Krista – finalize ideas of donation letter

Joel – will help Mara

Mara – form EE Stewardship committee

Rob – contact Amy Rager for a graphics artist volunteer

Jamie – legislative committee stuff: education and endorsement stuff

Teresa – work with volunteer

Pam – will update report; will start work on budget

Board Meeting Evaluation liked guest speaker

Appreciated getting reports out ahead of time;

Liked the food; liked having opportunity to clarify what committee chairs had reported on

Adjournment at 6:58p.m. Motion by Mara, seconded by Pam

Next Meeting – September 2, 2008; 5 to 7 p.m.; home of Joel Light