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Nebraska Ornithologists' Union General Business Meeting May 17, 2025 South Sioux City, NE

President Paul Pearson called the meeting to order.

Ruth Stearns (Secretary) reported the draft minutes of the Lincoln May 2024 minutes were available for review. Paul called for a motion to approve the minutes; A motion was made and seconded and the membership voted to approve the minutes.

Jan Johnson (Treasurer) indicated she had nothing to report; there were no issues of concern. Roughly \$19,000 is in the main account, and the Investment Fund is up to \$43,891.

Mark Brogie indicated the records were in order, new terms filled to replace individuals whose two terms had expired.

Paul indicated he would work with Joel and Jan regarding the procedures to setting up an Auditing Committee and conducting the audit, which needs to happen.

The Nominating Committee (Thane Dinsdale, Colleen Childers, and Boni Edwards) announced the following officers were nominated. Ultimately a motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations, and the membership then voted to approve the appointment of the officers.

President: Paul Pearson

Vice President: Joel Jorgensen

Secretary: Ruth Stearns

Treasurer: David Cunningham

Librarian: Tom Labedz

Director: TJ Walker for a new three-year term.

Editor: Janis Paseka

Paul indicated the Board would be looking into how best to use the Librarian position, and also indicated the NOU would endeavor to move to more digital format for publications, as the membership dues do not cover the cost of printing and shipping the Nebraska Bird Review. Additionally, he mentioned the startup of a Nebraska Birds messaging group withing the messaging app Discord, for sharing information on bird sightings, a system being used in several other states. Tobin and Keegan Brown will be offering a

discussion forum on using Discord at the Fall meeting. Discussion also took place on encouraging new members and retaining new members from year to year.

Paul announced the Fall Meeting would take place in Ogallala, Nebraska, September 26-28th. The Quality Inn would be the venue, and has a block of rooms available for attendees.

Paul recognized Thane Dinsdale, who spoke about securing a speaker for the Fall meeting, that being author Amar Ayyash of Chicago who has recently written The Gull Guide: North America. Amar would speak both Friday and Saturday evenings, and could do workshops, and be available on field trips as well. Donations to help defray the cost are welcome should anyone wish to do so.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and accepted to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,
Ruth Stearns
Secretary