

Natural Area Guardians

Committee of LaSalle County S.W.C.D.

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Last Meeting: Our last meeting was Sunday, January 10th at the University of Illinois Extension Office. There were a total of 7 members present. This was a planning meeting for our activities for 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm. The minutes were read and corrected to add the word including between program and species in the statement (John McKee presented a very informative program species of birds, frogs, dragonflies and butterflies.) Also the year for the Meeting date was 2009 instead of 2010. John McKee made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Gene Rod second the motion. The motion was carried.

The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1,639.27.

The nomination of officers was discussed and Gene Rod moved, Cindy McKee second to keep the same officers. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on our donation to the Eco-Meet Program for 2010. The senior division will be on song birds. We had been asked if we could help with purchasing Backyard Bird Song books for study guides. The books would cost around \$20.00 each. Linda Roberts moved, John McKee second to purchase up to \$100.00 for them. Five books would probably be the most needed and any extra books would be returned to the NAGs. Motion was carried. Since the last meeting the books were donated by another source and we did not have to purchase. John McKee made a motion to donate our usual \$100.00 for the contest for winner's plaques. Cindy McKee seconds the motion and the motion carried.

Ideas for future meeting have been set-up through September. Some have not been confirmed yet but the listing will be on the bottom of this newsletter and on the website for the future.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 14 2010 at 2:00 pm at the University of Illinois Extension office the corner of Dayton Road/N31st Rd, Ottawa.** This meeting will be the program on Equator and the Galapagos Islands. Alyssa Rod will be presenting the program although she will not be here in person. She will be talking to us through using the internet and Skype. This is a trip she was able to take while in College 1998.

Hope to see you at the next meeting and bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact the chairperson at the above phone or email. You can also mail to 490 N 3850th Rd, Mendota, IL 61342-9709.

2010 Year Programs

April 11 – Spring Woodland Flowers

May 16 – I & M Canal Seneca east – Joint Meeting with Starved Rock Audubon

June 13 – To be confirmed

July 11 – McCune Sand Prairie near Mineral

Aug 8 – Sunbury Prairie Nature Preserve – Blackstone

Sept 12 – Spring Lake - Streator