

## KAWO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 7:05 PM on Zoom

Present: Jessie Davis, Pres.                      Mike Klug  
             Jason Ballew, VP                         Ruth Caputo  
             Margo Rebar, Treasurer                 Gail Simmons  
             Kim Patrie                                     Kathy McGoff  
             Paul Olexia                                     Noel Ocen

Absent: Mel Luna                                     Ann Fraser  
             Dave Wendling                                Quyen Edwards, Secy

Guest: Gail Walter

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05. No changes to the agenda were requested.

2. Approval of minutes of July 20, 2022.

**Motion to approve by Paul, provided the word “proposed” be removed. Second by Kathy. Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer’s Reports presented by Margo.

Margo reported that she and Jason have reviewed the report and have resolved all issues.

**July 17, 2022 Report: Kathy moved approval provided the stray ‘45’ be removed from expenses. Second by Jason. Motion passed.**

**August 17, 2022 Report: Paul moved approval. Second by Kathy. Motion passed.**

Margo distributed the final Native Plant sale report which showed a net profit of \$2011.78, which is consistent with prior year profits.

Margo also distributed a quarterly budget update of expenditures by the various committees.

4. a. Gail Walter, a Board member of the Audubon Society of Kalamazoo (ASK) is spearheading the inclusion of the Kalamazoo Area in the **URBAN BIRD TREATY sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service**. In short, this program addresses the threats posed to the rapidly dwindling bird population in North America through educating the public about conserving bird habitat and reducing hazards to birds. Participation in the treaty as a named urban entity requires a population of at least 100,000, and Gail is putting together a coalition of Kalamazoo-area municipalities to meet that criteria.

KAWO is being asked to participate since virtually all of our programs and activities already support the goals set out in the Treaty. Gail is preparing the draft of our portion of the application. If approved by the board, KAWO will provide a letter confirming our willingness to participate in the program.

Small grants will be available from the USF&WS for program support, and attainment of the program goals will be measured and reported.

**Paul made a motion to approve KAWO's participation in the program. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

4. b. The Operational Guidelines project will be tabled at this time. Jason is on a committee with National that will provide more guidance on these issues.

4. c. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plant Exchange celebration planning should be modest. This is a 'thank you' to Tom for starting this exchange and keeping it going for all these years. Proposed date is either June 4 or 11, 2023. Kathy suggested adding a small teardrop flag which can be used for the Fall exchange as well. Jason, Kim and Kathy are on the committee.

A question was raised about the membership survey. It went out via Survey Monkey on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, and some may have wound up in spam. Mel will be asked to put a note in Seedlings alerting members. There will also be an automated email going out to encourage all members to complete the survey.

Jason has already received an excellent response to the survey and will share results at the next meeting.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul, seconded by Jason. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Noel Ocen, temporary secretary