

Minutes of the Executive Committee of Kalamazoo Area Wild Ones.  
November 15, 2023

Voting Members present:

Jessie Davis, President  
Jason Ballew, Vice President  
Margo Rebar, Treasurer  
Beth Bradburn (At-large)  
Mel Luna (At-large, Publications Chair)  
Noel Ocen (At-large, Outreach and Education Chair)  
Mike Klug (Past President, Wild for Monarchs Chair)  
Paul Olexia (Past President, Community Projects Chair)  
Ilse Gebhard (Monarch Watch)  
Ann Fraser (Program Chair)  
Kathy McGoff (Hospitality Chair)

Voting Members Absent:

Gail Simmons (Secretary)  
Dave Wendling (Site Visit Chair)  
Jessica Hagen (At-large)

Jezreel Lewis was observing.

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:04 on November 15, 2023 by Jessie Davis.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 18, 2023 Jessie asked for corrections or discussion. None was presented. Jessie called for vote. Passed 16 to zero.
3. APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT of October 10 to November 12, 2023 Jessie turned over discussion to Margo. Margo will modify the Treasurer's report. The item listed under Gifting/Donations for Tom Small honorarium will be moved to Programs. Kathy made a motion to approve modification. Noel seconded. Passed 16 to zero.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

The Executive Committee Planning Meeting is set for December 9, 2023, 1:00 to 4:30 pm at Portage District Library. Please let Noel know if you can attend. Your input is very important, so please attend if you can. Noel will be sending an agenda for this closed meeting. Will be listed on Business Page as a closed meeting.

Nominations Update - Ann Fraser

President - Noel Ocen

Vice President - Kathy McGoff & Quyen Edwards

Treasurer - Margo Rebar

Secretary - Gail Simmons

At Large - Beth Bradburn, Jessica Hagen,  
Jezreel Lewis, Mel Luna & Mike Weis

A final call for nominations will be made at the November program and voting will take place electronically from November 30 through December 6. A link to the ballot will be emailed to all active members. No new nominations were reported. There is a limit on At Large members.

2024 Budget Discussion was lead by Jessie and Margo.

Community Projects committee 2024 dollar amount was reduced to 1,260.00.

Fundraising Committee (Plant Sale) 2024 dollar amount is now 4,300.00.

Site Visit/Mentorship Committee 2024 dollar amount is now 250.00 for copying, buying literature and mileage.

Wild for Monarchs Committee has 244.00 Rollover donations. Which is to be used first. 256.00 from KAWO Monies for grand total of 500.00.

Gifting/Donations 2024 dollar amount was reduced to 1,000.00.

Zine Publications costs has been transferred to Publications Committee. No increase in dollar amount.

25th anniversary celebration of Our Wild Ones Chapter this budget item will be discussed on December 9, 2023 meeting.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

Review/Discussion/Adoption of National Chapter Bylaws Noel suggested we keep Vice President, need to have Membership only Annual Meeting, and National wants live voting not electronic voting. Will take time to adjust KAWO Operational Guidelines to sync National Bylaws. KAWO can not use the term Bylaws. Need to change KAWO Website to remove Bylaws with Operational Guidelines. Discussion will continue at December Meeting.

Chair of Committee activity report due by end of month that committee is active. Currently send to Jessie.

#### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/AD HOC

Membership will be turned over to Ester and She will attend December 9, 2023 meeting.

Program - Ann Fraser - The Program Committee is putting finishing touches on the 2024 Program. KAWO will kick the year off with a January virtual program featuring Neil Diboll, co-author of "The Gardener's Guide to Prairie Plants". The ZOOM registration link is on the KAWO website. February's program will also be virtual. We will resume in-person programming in March.

A reminder that November Program change of date from 22nd to 29th.

Website - Ann Fraser - no report  
Outreach & Education - Noel Ocen - no report  
Monarch Group - Mike & Carol Klug - no report  
Hospitality - Kathy McGoff - no report  
Community Projects - Paul Olexia - no report  
Site Visits - Dave Wendling - no report

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reorganization at the National Office was reported by Mike Klug. National plans to merge Wild for Monarchs into Outreach and Education following Xerces model. Plans for selling land and buildings. Workforce would be more part timers working remotely. Website will be one stop promotion. National might be looking into Chapter's finances for special assessments.

Solo Exhibition of paintings by Mel Luna at the Portage District Library from now till November 30th.

8. ADJOURNMENT Paul made a motion, Margo seconded, no objections and time was 8:17.

Minutes taken by Kathy McGoff and lightly edited by Gail Simmons, with many thanks to Kathy.