

WPMA Meeting BOD Minutes September 25, 2019

Members present: Les Rhines President, Greg Zimmermann Vice-President, Deb Zimmermann Treasurer, Joe Francis BOD, Larry Lienau BOD, Bob Ring BOD, Dick Nikolai BOD

Guest: Terry Mentink

Discussion Item: Public Television Garden Expo – Madison. After discussion committee agreed to again have a booth at the garden expo at the Allient Energy Center in Madison on February 7-9, 2020. Committee approved \$140.00 registration fee. Les and Mary Rhines will setup and run the booth on Friday Feb 7 and Saturday Feb 8, the committee is looking for someone to come forth and run the booth on Feb 9, that person would also be responsible for taking down the display. Dick Nikolai will attend on Saturday Feb 8 to help run the booth and to make a presentation in the afternoon.

Discussion Item: Martifest 2020. Information was provided to the committee informing them that Martifest 2020 will be held at Marsh Haven Nature Center in Waupun WI on June 27, 2020. Les Rhines will contact Renee at Marsh Haven to inquire about potential guest speakers, and report back to the committee.

Discussion Item: Wisconsin Purple Martins WPMA, and Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, BRAW. Les Rhines informed the committee that he had been in communication with an officer of BRAW to discuss mutual promotion of organizations. Les will report back as information becomes available.

Discussion Item: Les Rhines reported that he had been working with an Eagle Scout candidate in the Appleton area. The Eagle Scout project is to build and erect a martin house at Lutze Park. The project also defines that the scout and members of the troop monitor the house. The scout is also working with the guidance of the public works department.

Discussion Item: WPMA Newsletter. It was agreed that WPMA produce a newsletter on a quarterly basis. Potential topics included: promotion of Martifest, public colony information, Madison Garden Expo, Calendar of events, mentor comments/reports. Les agreed to draft a newsletter that would be available for Christmas. Suggestions were made to make it available on both the website and on facebook.

Discussion Item: Goals for 2020. After much discussion these goals were identified.

1. To increase membership in the WPMA
2. To affiliate the WPMA with Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, BRAW.