August Meeting Agenda/Minutes WPMA 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 24th
Roadside in Plymouth

Present: Les Rhines, Nicki Schumacher, Greg Zimmermann, Deb Zimmermann, Larry Lienau, Terry Mentink, Bob Ring, Dick Nickolai, Dean Heinen (guest)
Absent: Gail Bolden

I. Recap of the last few month's activities:

a. Martinfest (see below); thank you letters sent in August, silent auction donors and items
i. Others in summer? None

Wrap up: Publicity was good; City of Oconto was pleased; very positive comments, raised lots of $ from the food (Friends of Park). Going to purchase a house for the park, but turned down Bob Shimek's house donation? Have more items for kids at festival per Cordula? Nicki will look at having activities for children for 2026. Should have banding for chicks in the morning for children to watch in addition to banding the adults in the afternoon. Will depend on who is in attendance that day

b. New board members-discussion on process and vote. Advertise to all members that we are always looking for new members on website, facebook, and in newsletter.

We used to have public meetings and then hold separate board meetings instead of being at events.. Should we invite friends, mentors, members, etc. to be part of our meetings? Yes. Zoom board meeting and in person board meeting. DNR, Bird City USA.

If someone comes forward to join, discuss at next board meeting to vote on. Should set a limit, or have an odd number for majority voting.

Deb made a motion to keep officer procedure the same as we have now, but table for next meeting.

Dean Heinen was voted to the board, on the condition that we remove his house selling information from our facebook page and brochures so there is no conflict of interest or bias. Yes:
No:

II. Plan for the fall and winter

III. 2026 Garden Expo February 13th-15th
Helpers that weekend:

Dean, Nicki, Les, Larry-Friday, Dick, Hermsens, maybe Mary Ward and/or Brian Thays? Gail/Rick possibly?
$250 fee-Nicki will do paperwork for booth; help Dick with presentation (Nicki also if on saturday)

IV. MartinFest 2026-Marsh Haven Saturday, June 27th
a. Application-Matt Rupnick
b. Display changes/large banners/pictures?
c. Helpers
Les has tentative schedule for the day, everyone will email their ideas to him or Nicki

V. Support for and status of Public Sites/Mentors?
a. $ for supplemental feeding?--ask them first what support they need from our group
b. Prognosticator and pictures? Gift cards for travel expenses/gas?
c. Other ideas? Suggestion for those managing public colonies: Take pictures of young, esp after 21 days so people are aware they still should be doing nest checks until ALL birds leave

VI. Status of Sharon Richardson Hospice-no colony due to lack of support through maintenance

VII. Fall Newsletter Articles and publish date: Articles in by 8 October for 15 October publication date

VIII. Madison Home Expo—not going to have a booth at this event

VIIII. Others?

Look at designs for t-shirts to agree on and then order at next meeting, or before garden show

Next meeting? November 2, 2025 6:30pm