

OVIS meeting minutes of April 24, 2017

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Connie Rieben, Barb Verplank, Bob Fortner, Michael Seagraves, Elton Follet, Dagmar Strasser, Ann Newton, Julie Floyd, Lori Bankey, Pat Bankey, Nan Rubino, Rich and Holly Smith, Donna Green, Dennis Green, Beau Plessner, Barry Berger, Todd and Gavin Grasley, Patt Adams, Kerry V. Roberts, Terry Fortner, Barbara Walker and Cheryl, and a lot of little people!

Brian Smith convened the meeting at 7:05 PM at the Village Hall. The minutes of the February 27 meeting were approved. The financial statement with a balance of \$11,676 was accepted.

Brian reviewed several announcements:

- the hall drainage project will be initiated in the late May.
- The historic plaque recognizing the hall designation is in process.
- The new sign announcing events is in place with a full set of letters.
- Spring newsletter has been distributed.
- The next community cleanup is scheduled for May 6 at 830 in the morning.
- The next large item pickup for trash is May 17 a Wednesday.

Brian then turned the meeting over to Bob Fortner for the Election of OVIS Officers. Bob Fortner recommended the following slate: Brian Smith for President, Dennis Green for Vice President, Jim Wiesner for Treasurer, Donna Green for Secretary, with board members Connie Rieben, Susan White, Dave Ennis, and Julie Longen. Bob indicated the slate had been expanded with two new board members recommended: Todd Guarino and Jerry Edmonds. Barry Berger recommended this slate be approved which was seconded by Terry Fortner. The motion was approved.

Brian then introduced the main program for the night. He introduced Barbara Walker of the Clearwater Audubon Society along with Cheryl who assisted her in the presentation. The program included an in-depth presentation on owls in the community. They had brought owls with them from Moccasin Lake Park. They explained each owl they had brought and then carried the owls through the group where there were many photo opportunities. It should be noted that the children in the audience were quite engaged with this exercise as well as the adults. Following the presentation a motion was made that was seconded that a hundred dollar donation be made by OVIS to the Clearwater Audubon Society with the notation it is for the raptor program.

The meeting was then adjourned for refreshments.

Following the meeting several people gathered outside to observe a Screech Owl nest in a big tree in front of the Hall.