

Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
March 27, 2009

The meeting at the Loon Attic in Wasilla began at 6:15 pm. Thirteen members were in attendance.

Kent discussed a fund raising opportunity at Dairy Queen, and then he gave a brief overview of his experiences at the NWRA conference in Chicago. The 2010 conference will be in Seattle and he urged all members to attend. In addition, the NWRA has a call for proposals to present at next year's conference. See Kent if you are interested in putting together a presentation.

Kent has information on a Jr. Duck Stamp Contest (drawing) for kids. This is something we want to promote next year when we do presentations at schools.

Joan discussed her visit to the Cascade Raptor Center in Eugene, Oregon and handed out informational pamphlets from that center.

The April 4th meeting of the Education Committee has changed times – it will begin at 6:00 pm at Nancy Wade's home in Willow. On the agenda for that meeting will be the proper way to do educational programs.

Kent is getting a roommate so please knock first instead of just going into the house.

Stay tuned for ashfall alerts – all birds must be brought inside if the ash begins to fall.

It's almost spring and repairs are needed at the center (e.g. astro turf, perch repair, etc.) so please help out.

The Transportation Museum has agreed to lease us five acres for fifty years. Kent and Carmen are writing the contract. Committees need to be formed ASAP. The Vision Committee will create the blueprints and a written description of our new facilities. The proposal we submit to the museum must have time frames for each of the buildings to be completed. Cheryl will head the Vision Committee and Karen and Milo agreed to be on it. The Vision Committee will meet on April 4th at Nancy Wade's house at 5:00 (before the Education Committee meeting). Kent envisions a walking path, living museum with twenty-five birds, and a gift shop all open to the public. Off-limits to the public will be the rehabilitation area where we will have a waterfowl area, flight cage area, rehab mews, etc.

Jeanette will head the Green Committee. Please contact Kent if you are interested in working on a committee for our new facility.

Our next monthly meeting will be Friday April 24, 2009 at the Loon Attic and one of the items on the agenda will be next year's wine-tasting/dessert auction. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45, just as Michigan State beat Kansas.