

**Alliance for Animals and the Environment - Board Meeting Notes 03/02/2016**

In attendance, Sonya Sidky (guest), Judi, Jim, Bob, Gina, Sara, and Sue by phone

1. Action on Feb 11 meeting minutes (Sara)

Judi motions to approve, Bob seconds - discussed minor grammar and privacy changes

2. Review financial reports - January (Sue)

Sue has not gotten January's financial reports (this was resolved, Wayne had sent them).  
Discussed other options for accounting and payroll - possibly using a paycheck service (AVP, PayChex).

3. ED Report (Sara)

Added to report the web updates and meetings with former board members and others

4. Spring newsletter? -- include Vegan Fest announcement

Spring Newsletter - Shoot for the beginning of May, InDesign was used in the past - Sara will try to get more information from Hannah, Template is in Color/Hannah switched to black and white, Hannah has indesign - Sue volunteered to work with on newsletter with Sara

5. Ambassador Applicant: Nicole Higgs

Board approved of ambassador, Sara will contact

6. Project Proposal (MadisonVegan.com billboard)

Was supported by the board

7. Project Proposal - Milwaukee Veg Expo

Was supported by the board

8. New potential board members

Voted in Sonya Sidky, decided to invite another candidate to the next board meeting

9. Finalize Sue's draft definition of membership

We are unsure about issues with the current bylaws - Sue would be happy to come up with what membership would be without looking at the former bylaws

Bob - talking about also using volunteer hours or money to determine membership

We might be able to use civiCRM to track membership - starting next year, or possibly in July

Thinking about decision on a small fee towards next year's Veganfest

Discussed tracking hours for volunteer hours

Examples of volunteering: Volunteer as leafleting, tabling, could do this on their own time without an organized event

Sara and Sue will get together to talk about it more - membership requirements and benefits - possible student rate

10. Discuss project proposal process

Budget - coming up with a budget - coming up with a budget for proposals - push this discussion down the road

We'll keep the voting process as is for project proposals until a budget is addressed

11. April Board Meeting Date -- Move b/c Judi's out of town?

March 28th Monday - next board meeting 6:30 library - could possibly use the conference room

Jim is stepping aside down from board - His health is his motivation to step down - effective middle of March - Jim said he was looking for other ways to help the alliance by possibly finding an Intern

Bob moves to motion to elect Sonya, Gina Seconds  
Approved

Sara will stay on the board for now, will consider if we get more members leaving the board at a later date

Bob moves to adjourn, Gina seconds, motion approved