

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: May 29, 2018
Approved Date: Aug 28, 2018
Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room
601 Monroe St., Sacramento CA 95825

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order 7:00p.m. / Roll Call: Board Members Present: Sally Walters, Bill Bianco, Jane Van Kessel, Elliot Chasin, Harriet Saeck, Diana Hickson, Rosalind Becker
Board Members Absent: Planned absent Larry Hickey and John Huls.
Absent Grant Boice.

Approval of Minutes: April 2018 Draft Board Meeting Minutes approved by consensus.

II. Public Comment/ Guests:

1. Guest Sean Wirth commented and provided information on the lawsuit against Sacramento County Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCo) approval of Elk Grove's annexation. Sierra Club, ECOS, Habitat 2020, Friends of Swainson's Hawk are petitioners and they are requesting 40K for legal retainer. Petitioners have 30k presently and are requesting 5k from SAS. Remaining 5k they hope to get from individuals.

Sean emphasized the importance of getting the approval of annexation changed to protect important wildlife habitat and farmland.

Sally requested from Sean a write up to put into the Observer, and to include contact information, so individuals can contribute to help fund the legal action.

2. New board members Heather White and Daphne Reimer were in attendance.

III. Presentations: None

IV. Officer Reports:

A. President's Report (Sally) None

B. Treasurer: (Harriet)

1. Harriet emailed financials prior to meeting. Board members to review.
2. Reviewed report, noted net income is still above expenses. Getting back overdue membership renewals.
3. Harriet has not received any expenses for Ken Poerner for equipment or maintenance needs at Bobelaine. Bill believes Ken should have some, and will contact Ken. Harriet requested she have them by end of June.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana):

1. Circulated mail that was recently received at P.O. box for board review.

D. Other Officers (if anything to report): None

V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

A. Board Member and Chair Transitions (Sally): None

B. Programs (Anthony): None.

C. Outreach (Bill):

1. Bill requested from treasurer \$50 check for Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival exhibitors application. Will email Harriet information for check.

D. Education (Gesna):

1. Gesna gave review of this year's Nature Bowl success and how well it fits into SAS mission. Presented the income and expense summary for the event, which was \$1300 under budget. Gesna and all board members agreed to continue support for 2019. Gesna requested \$2000 for the 2019 Nature Bowl budget. Motion (Diana/Jane) to provide \$2000 to cover costs for 2019 Nature Bowl. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Gesna gave review of Environmental Education Program in regards to Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps. Want to add classroom component back into 2019 program, with new instructor. Will continue field trips for SRCC.

No financial requirement, but Gesna would like board approval to continue with this program. Motion (Bill/Diana) SAS to continue supporting. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Gesna has been coordinating with Wendy Money on updating education section of web site.

E. Membership: (Jane)

1. Reported April had 592 dues paying members (16 new); May 593 paying members (8 new).

2. Jane is updating 2018-2019 Board of Directors list

F. Communications: (Sally) None

G. Resale Merchandise: none

H. Conservation: (Larry) Via email (5/29/18)

1. Del Paso Regional Park. Working with Tim Vendlinski to document bird life via e-bird by various SAS members doing field trips. We may be asked to become more involved with the City Council if there are moves to impact the Park.
2. Larry will be rotating off the board and we will need someone to assume the Conservation Chairman role.
3. Larry attended a meeting in April concerning water quality in the lower American River. Unsafe levels of E.Coli below Howe Ave. other than increased water quality testing, and increased efforts from the county to cleanup trash and deal with illegal camping within the Parkway it is not clear what else will be done.

I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry, Bill, Diana), via Larry's email (5/29/18)

1. Ken Poerner continues to take good care of the property. Appears Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps is not cost effective. Ken will coordinate with some local neighbors next year as needed. As long as Ken is able and interested in volunteering to steward the property Bobelaine should be okay. Looking at the future, if Ken can no longer care for the property we will again need to address National Audubon on what to do. Also need to look at sustainable funding to pay for the work Ken is doing. Recommends that the board provide Ken with expense reimbursements, and whatever equipment or maintenance he needs.

2. Diana requested to be off the Bobelaine Committee.

J. Other Committee Reports:

1. Jane reported \$2750 was donated on 2018 Big Day of Giving. The 2017 amount was \$3245.

K. Board Member Reports (if any) None.

VI. Old Business

A. Feather River Land Trust. Diana to try one more time to get information on FRLT, before considering any donation.

B. Field trip participant waivers. Board discussed this issue. Most chapters have this requirement. Need to contact Field Activities Chairman, Andi Salmi and discuss this issue.

C. Updated job descriptions for Treasure and Membership Coordinator still under revision.

E. Refer to item II,1. above. Board discussed the importance of the litigation of the lawsuit against the Elk Grove annexation. Board concurred SAS should donate and the amount to donate was also discussed.

Motion (Harriet/) to donate \$5000 for lawsuit. Motion declined. Motion (Bill/Elliot) to donate \$7000 for lawsuit. Motion approved (6), disapproved (1). Elliot to contact Sean for information on payee and mailing address; and forward to treasurer.

VII. New Business

1. Review and revision of SAS Bylaws. With two new members coming onto the board, Bill suggest Diana resend the "Feb 2017 DRAFT UPDATE, with additional April 2018 updates-NOT

ADOPTED”, to everyone, including new board members, Heather and Daphne. Bill asked if the Feb 2017 DRAFT UPDATE with the text deletions needs to be shown to the members prior to the approval vote. Sally advised that it should be available at the general meeting one month prior to voting. The board’s proposed Draft Bylaws should also be available one month prior to vote. Sally suggest a special meeting to review bylaws be set up. Diana to set up date, for those who can attend.

VIII. Adjournment: 8:30pm.