

## MINUTES

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

Date/Time: Oct 30; 7:00p.m.

Location: Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room

601 Monroe St., Sacramento Ca. 95825

Approved Date: November 27, 2018

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
  - A. Roll Call:
    1. Board Members Present: Bill Bianco, Jane Van Kessel, Elliot Chasin, Harriet Saeck, Rosalind Becker, Diana Hickson, Daphne Reimer, John Hulls, Grant Boice, Heather White.
    2. Board Members Teleconferencing in: Sally Walters
  - B. Approval of Minutes (September): September 2018 Draft Board Meeting minutes approved by consensus.
  
- II. Guests: Sean Wirth, Anthony Asay
  
- III. Presentations:
  - A. WaterFix (Sean Wirth): Phase 2 hearings are underway for WaterFix. Habitat 2020, Mother Lode of the Sierra Club, and Friends of Stone Lakes have been working on the impacts to terrestrial species, most of whom are birds. Closing briefs are coming up and they are raising funds to pay legal fees. Contributions to closing briefs include: Friends of Stone Lakes \$5,000 and Motherlode Chapter of Sierra Club \$8000. Friends of Stone Lakes is asking Sac Audubon to contribute \$3,000 for closing briefs on Phase 2. Motion (John/Jane) to donate \$3,000. Motion passed with 3 members recusing (Daphne, Elliott, Diana).
  
- IV. Officer Reports
  - A. President (Bill):
    1. Bill received a letter from Sierra Club Mother Lode chapter confirming the money we sent went to legal fees.
    2. Bill is attending the California Audubon Assembly.
    3. Bill received an email from Jim Dial in Folsom who wants help fighting the city of Folsom putting in a disc golf course at a park. We need someone to go out there and check out the habitat in the park before we make a decision. Sean Wirth thinks perhaps Barbara Leary could help with this.
  - B. Treasurer (Harriet):
    1. The CD came due and we got a check; account is empty now.
    2. Turns out the website security issue we've been discussing the past couple of months wasn't an issue after all, so we got our money back from the security company.
  - C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana): Brought the mail for our review—mostly newsletters from other regional Audubon chapters.
  - 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 Asay): Has people lined up for next year's programs. Sean Wirth has a suggestion for a presenter; Anthony will get info from him.
- C. Outreach (Bill): Sending in vendor app for Galt festival.
- D. Education (Gesna): Talk for November meeting.
- E. Membership (Jane): Oct. 562 dues paying members in SAS, of them 8 were new to SAS. 2525 National Society members here. 8 SAS members made inactive because of 5 mos overdue dues.
- F. Communications (Wendy): None
- G. Resale Merchandise (Becky Norris) (Bill): None
- H. Conservation (Larry, Elliot): None
- I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry, Bill, John):
  1. Ken fixed some of the equipment himself
  2. Ken has been mowing recently
- J. Other Committee Reports (if any): None
- K. Board Member Reports (if any):
  1. Sally received an email from a woman about a nestcam for the Lake Natoma bald eagle's nest. Most board members have no interest in following up on this. The tree looks onto a number of people's back yards and could cause privacy issues.
  2. Bill heard from a man who is fighting the City on some work they're doing in Del Paso Park. They're upgrading an existing ballpark and parking lot. The SAS Field Committee did some nesting bird surveys to help with this fight. No need to do anything at this point.

## VI. Old Business

- A. Purple Martins: Bill met with Dan Airola about the purple martin decline and wrote a letter to the mayor. Dan Airola got a reply from City Planning; Bill will send it to all of us. The city is costing out bridge for 100 years, but it should be a shorter timeframe (explained in letter). Bill will keep us all informed if he hears anything else from the mayor's office. Bill will see if the state Audubon group is doing anything for the neonictinoid issue. Keep this in old bus.
- B. Newsletter: We probably do not need to do a full survey of the membership because it won't actually affect those that want to keep their hardcopy. Diana H will do an Observer write-up regarding our transition to hard copy and email options. If members want to receive a hardcopy, they do nothing. If they're okay with a pdf, they will need to email Jane at the membership email address. Jane will start providing emails instead of hard copies to national members who provide email address, but do not join our chapter.
- C. Policies and Procedures Document: Ongoing. Keep this in old bus.

## VII. New Business

- A. Border Wall Sign on Letter to Protect Public Lands and Wildlife –Bill sent this out in an email to the board. Deadline to sign is Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. We all agree it is worthwhile; Bill will sign.

- B. Contacting SAS board / committees –Bill got an email from a member who feels the board members need to be reachable from the website. She suggested we use gmail accounts. Harriett looked up the sites for various local nonprofits and none of them have contact info for the board members. She thinks we should just have 1 contact email like we have it now (president only). All agree that we do not need to offer ways to contact everyone. We will leave this as it is for now. Bill will get back to the member and tell her we'll not be changing anything now.
- C. Sponsorship of 2019 Bufferlands Calendar: Discussion among the board about the history of this yearly contribution and what the organization does with the calendars. Bill will email Chris and ask who gets the calendars and how they are distributed. He'll email the board with the information he receives from Chris and we can motion and vote via email.
- D. Board meeting location for next month: Bill will check places and find out where we can meet next month and in the future. Suggested places include the library up the street, SMUD, Community Center in Curtis Park, and Effie Yeaw. Daphne has offered to host at her house; she's in midtown.
- E. Jane will go to Big Day of Giving orientation and pay for it with her credit card and get reimbursed.

VIII. Adjournment: 8:44 pm.