

MINUTES

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

Date/Time: Nov 27; 7:00p.m.

Location: Board Member's Home

516 21st St., Sacramento CA

Date Approved: Jan 29, 2019

I. Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

A. Roll Call:

1. Board Members Present: Jane Van Kessel, Diana Hickson, Elliott Chasin, Bill Bianco, Harriett Saeck, Daphne Reimer, Rosalind Becker
2. Board Members Absent: Grant Boice (alerted board ahead of time)
3. Board Members Teleconferencing: Sally Walters

B. Approval of Minutes (October): October 2018 Draft Board Meeting minutes approved by consensus

II. Guests / Public Comment: None

III. Presentations: None

IV. Officer Reports

A. President (Bill):

1. Bufferlands Calendar: Bill will find out from Chris Conard where to send check for support of 2019 Bufferlands Calendar.
2. WaterFix check: Bill will find out from Sean Wirth who to make check out to.
3. CA Assembly: Bill gave an update on what happened at the Audubon California Assembly. For instance, Audubon's Climate Report 2.0 is coming out in Spring and will focus on grassland spp. Identiflight is a new technology that can sense birds coming toward a wind turbine and adjust speed of turbine in response. All presentation slides are on Audubon Works online.
4. Folsom Nisenan Park: Bill went up there and walked the area where the disc golf course will go. Willow Creek is in the park and the placement of the disc golf course will be on the one open space in the park, among the oak trees. Bill wrote a letter to the city council.
5. The Bylaws were approved at the November monthly general meeting. The mission statement is worded a bit differently that what's in The Observer and on the website, but the meaning is the same.
6. We need to have a certificate framed. Motion (Diana/Harriett) to spend \$100 to have award framed. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Board meeting location: January meeting will be at Carmichael Library.
8. November General Meeting: We usually change the November GM to the 2nd Thursday because of the CV Bird Symposium. There was a scheduling snafu this year. We should move the November meeting to the 3rd Thursday of November, like all of the other meetings. Board unanimously agrees to this. Bill will contact Anthony to set it up.
9. Coordination of pelagic trips: We need someone new to coordinate the pelagic trips. Perhaps the charter company can handle registrants. Harriett would be willing to take over the process of organizing things and going on

the trips, but not being the birding guide. Bill will find out more and bring to Harriett and the board.

10. Grants: Bill received an email asking if we still do grants. Conservation Committee plans to discuss establishing a grant RFP process. Meanwhile, Bill will find out what kind of grant this person is looking for and tell him to submit their info if the project fits our qualifications.

B. Treasurer (Harriet):

1. We received \$1000 for dues and some donation money and we paid for the registration for Big Day of Giving. Observer printing and professional fees are a loss for us, much higher than our dues bring in. 24 people have signed up for PDF newsletters.
2. We'll announce the availability of PDF newsletters to everyone at the member meetings every month and on field trips.
3. We have significantly less cash reserve than we did last year at this time, mainly because of donating to legal funds. This seems okay with everyone because we do not have a certain dollar amount we won't go below.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana):

1. The board reviewed the mail we've received

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): None

C. Outreach (Bill): Request for Winterfest help has been put in the Observer.

D. Education (Gesna): None

E. Membership (Jane):

1. 560 dues paying members of SAS. 9 new SAS. National gave no new names. 2,499 national Audubon members in our chapter area. 26 SAS members have requested pdf observers. 5 people went inactive from not paying dues.
2. The option for a PDF Observer in has been put on the member application in the Observer. The option hasn't been put on invoices, but Jane and Harriett will meet about doing this.
3. If many more than 26 people sign up for PDF Observers, it will get to be too much for Jane to send out via email so we'll need to use Constant Contact. Board feels that Jane should use her discretion for when to start using Constant Contact.

F. Communications (Wendy): None

G. Resale Merchandise (Becky Norris): Bill reports that we sold some things at the sandhill crane fest and at the CV Birds symposium.

H. Conservation (Larry, Elliot): Yolo County HCP/NCCP was signed. Elliott will send out the link for when/where the hearing will be held.

I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry, Bill, John): None

J. Other Committee Reports (if any): None

K. Board Member Reports (if any):

1. Jane brought up the fact that we don't have a link to join the club on our Facebook page. We all agree that we should. Jane will talk to the person who handles our FB about adding it.

VI. Old Business

A. Purple martin decline

1. Dan A. wrote a rebuttal to the planning department and Bill will attempt to meet with the mayor.

B. Policies and Procedures Document

- a. Harriett and Diana will work on the document in December.
- b. Bill suggested we come up with a formula for adjusting the dues amount (for example, totaling the cost of Observer printing and professional fees, and dividing by the number of members to get a base number that can be adjusted as needed).
- c. We should determine what we do with permanent files, donations, etc. for storage.

C. Bylaws

- a. They've been approved and posted on the website.

VII. New Business

A. None

VIII. Adjournment: 8:24