

## MINUTES

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

Date/Time: Mar 26, 2019; 6:30 p.m.

Location: Truly and Associates

2431 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, CA

Date Approved: 05/06/19

### I. Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

#### 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, Sally Walter. Grant alerted Bill he would be absent this week. Bill hasn't heard from Sally.

#### B. Approval of Minutes (February 2019): Draft Board Minutes approved by consensus.

### II. Guests / Public Comment: None

### III. Presentations: None

### IV. Officer Reports

#### A. President (Bill):

1. SAS has received an award for Outstanding Environmental Education from the Sacramento Environmental Commission. Bill and Gesna will attend the awards ceremony on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Rosalind is leaving SAS Board. Bill will let Nomination Committee know. Board members will let Bill know of potential replacement suggestions.
3. Bill will attend the Central Valley Council Meeting in Modesto. Involves Central Valley and Sierra chapters. Meeting at Gallo Winery. Bill will send the info out and board members can attend if interested.
4. Advocacy Day: Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, Bill will attend with Jeff Shelton (on our Conservation Committee). Bill still getting info from Ariana from Audubon.
5. We received our books about California birds in a changing climate. They cost \$1.50 a piece. Bill will give for free to educators at Outreach events and we will charge a nominal fee for all others.

#### B. Treasurer (Harriet):

1. Financial statement: We did well on the dues. Bobelaine got some donations. Moneys from National for support of Bobelaine is not listed on the statement. Harriett looked into this: Hasn't received the donation for this year yet. Bill will look further into this. Includes some donations from us to other groups (amounts we've approved at previous board meetings). Sharon Wisecarver professional fees for Observer Newsletter is also included in here.
2. Budget Timeline: Usually, the preliminary budget is done by the Executive Committee and presents it to the Board. Board then approves it. Do we want to do this? Should put its timing on the Policies and Procedures Doc: should do it now, present to board at May meeting, so it will be ready to go. Diana Motion (Diana/Jane) that Executive Committee come up with a proposed budget, email to board before April meeting, present to full board at April

meeting, to be approved by end of May's meeting. Diana amended motion, based on Elliott's input. Executive Committee: Bill (Pres), Daphne (future VP), Harriett (Treas), and Diana (Corresponding Sec.). *Motion passed unanimously.*

3. In some cases, Harriett is unsure what to categorize as a donation and what to categorize as a sponsorship. Executive Committee will discuss this, in addition to #2 above.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana): Nothing. Brought the mail.

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

#### V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports.

A. Board Member and Chair Transitions (Sally): Need to find a replacement for Rosalind.

B. Programs (Anthony Asay): None.

C. Outreach (Bill): None.

D. Education (Gesna):

1. Review of Committee Goals: Board received hard copies at the meeting and Secretary will forward electronic version to the Board before next month's meeting. Ed Committee would like feedback from the Board by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, so they can discuss it at their next committee meeting: May 5<sup>th</sup>. A new goal is the inclusion of conservation issues into what the Education Committee is doing. Wendy from Ed Committee will coordinate with the Conservation Committee to find the spots where they can collaborate. Bill mentioned Audubon National wants to establish chapters in schools.

E. Membership (Jane):

1. There are 597 current members of SAS. There were 17 new SAS members and 3 members who were made inactive. There are 2,625 NAS members who live in our chapter area. 104 new people from our area joined NAS this last month. 96 people are getting the email Observer.
2. Letter from Rick Soehren regarding our invoicing. He has a suggestion for how to make our invoices better organized. Diana will draft a new version and Harriett will update the invoice to reflect the changes.
3. Jane will set up a membership table at the Monthly meetings so people can join at the meeting if they want to.
4. Jane, with help from Gesna, wrote up a new description of the objectives of Sacramento Audubon for the website. This will replace current text on the bottom of the Homepage. Jane will send out electronic version to the Board and we'll respond to Jane with edits.

F. Communications (Wendy): None

G. Resale Merchandise (Becky Norris) (Bill): We give Birds and Gardens our blue checklist and they sell them for us. Bill informed Becky Norris to invoice Birds and Gardens for the bird checklists.

H. Conservation (Larry, Elliot): None.

I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry, Bill, John): Bobelaine is flooded right now, Bill heard from Maureen. Ken purchased a chainsaw and was reimbursed.

J. Other Committee Reports (if any): None

K. Board Member Reports (if any): None

## VI. Old Business

### A. Purple martin decline

1. Bill sent the Board an update on the meeting they had with the architect and the environmental consultants. The plan is to start on the new bridge in 2021. Construction will be for 30 months. Will be complete at end of 2023. Old bridge will remain for 2-3 years. Dan A will put up nest boxes near where the martins are nesting now, hoping they'll use them. If they do use the nest boxes, hopefully there will be a way for the birds to switch to the boxes permanently. City will make nest supports (big posts) to hold up the boxes.
2. Bill and Dan A. will meet with Architect and Env Consultants again on Thursday, at 2pm, before the public bridge workshop.

### B. Grant application process

1. Bill changed what the website says. Sally had edits; take name out so president will get it. He changed the grant amounts also (lowered the range to \$250-\$1500). Bill will send it out to the group again: Board members will review Bill's document and provide edits.

### C. Policies and Procedures Document:

1. Bill will email Sharon for input on what to put under "Observer" in the document. Bill will contact Andi Salmi (Field Trip Committee chairperson) about writing something to go under the "Field Trips" section of the document.

### D. SAS Website

2. Gesna provided update on what the Website Committee is doing. Currently developing a survey for the membership to inform the Website update activities. April 20: go-live date for Survey Monkey survey.
3. Website Committee met to discuss their priority items: calendar, grant application, pay online, check membership status, etc. Also reviewed some other Audubon websites and looked at features they liked and disliked. Gesna sent out minutes. We have a semi-proposal from 760 Media that Daphne spoke to. Gesna will check with Harriett's person. Gesna asked Wendy about Network Solutions: They were part of our DIY website procedure 12 yrs ago. They have different levels on offer and we could maybe stay working with them. We can submit a work-order to Network Solutions or have a convo with them about what our options are with them.

## VII. New Business

A. Board Roster: Will be discussed next month.

B. New Business for next meeting: Should we officially establish a Website Committee moving forward?

## VIII. Adjournment: 8:04 pm