

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: September 26, 2017
Approved Date: October 24, 2017
Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room
601 Monroe St., Sacramento CA 95825

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order 7:07p.m. / Roll Call: Board Members Present: Sally Walters, Bill Bianco, Diana Hickson, Grant Boice, Gibbe Parsons, Harriet Saeck;
Board Members Absent: Larry Hickey, Jane Van Kessel, Elliot Chasin, Rosalind Becker. /
Approval of Minutes: August Minutes: Subcommittee of the whole approve. Full committee vote next meeting.

II. Public Comment/ Guests: John Huls, guest.

III. Presentations: None

IV. Officer Reports:

A. President's Report (Sally)

1. Discussion concerning up coming Central Valley/Sierra Council Meeting (Oct. 20-21). Sally will not be able to attend. Proposed it would be good for someone to attend. Bill considering attending.

2. Need to update Board Member directory. (Jane)

B. Treasurer: (Harriet)

1. New board member, she gave a description of her accounting experience with working for nonprofits.

2. Harriet received Marcia's quick books. She passed out a simplified version of Marcia's statements for members to review. She will be reviewing more of the past financial statements. Budget numbers in Harriet's are based on 2015-16. Board needs to update budget numbers.

3. Discussion about how donations and memberships get recorded and sent to treasure, especially if they are cash or check. Diana gave review how checks (membership or donation) and donations (cash) get routed to Mara and corresponding secretary before they go to the treasurer. Suggestion was for a separate meeting on membership with Diana, Mara, Harriet and Jane.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana):

1. Diana presented other chapter newsletters for board to look at.

2. No response from Mara concerning, meeting with the two volunteers, concerning Excel and Access.

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

V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

A. Board Member and Chair Transitions (Sally):

1. Harriet is new treasure replacing Marcia. Present board member count is 10.
2. Need for recording secretary ongoing. If can't get new recording secretary, then maybe board members can alternate this duty. Diana volunteered to do Oct. meeting.

B. Programs (Sally):

1. Discussion on the Nov. general meeting (second Thursday) with CVBS and difficulty in getting speaker.

C. Outreach (Bill):

1. Gave money from sales and Sept. general meeting donations to Harriet.
2. Reviewed bird brochures. Present budget costs does include the folding of brochures. Discussed costs for printing and quantities we desire for outreach. Suggested we contact other chapters and ask if they want to share in the cost of printing, since the better price is with the larger quantities. Diana will send letters to a few other chapters and propose the cost sharing of brochure printing.

D. Education (Gesna): none

E. Membership: (Mara) No Action.

F. Communications: (Sally)

1. Elliot not present for his review of alternatives for web site.

G. Resale Merchandise: none

H. Conservation: (Larry) none

I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry, Bill, Diana)

1. Bill reported levee construction still going on. Will review conditions during Oct. 9th work day.
2. Ken Poerner has set up a work day at Bobelaine on Oct. 9th. Bill will be helping him, and possibly other Committee members.

J. Other Committee Reports: none

K. Board Member Reports (if any)

1. Grant commented on Dept. Of Fish and Wildlife meeting he went to, concerning the revising the Sacramento weir gates for more water flow, for salmon. This would be years away, due to all department reviews and public input.

VI. Old Business

A. Review of newsletter editor and membership chairman's pay rates.

1. Defer to Oct. board meeting, so treasure can review pay rates and cost per year.

VII. New Business

A. Lodi Crane Festival.

1. Motion for \$500.00 sponsorship (Gibbe/Bill) was proposed and Board approved.

2. For Crane Festival raffle, motion for a gift SAS membership be donated to go along with the books and maps SAS donates. (Diana/Bill). Board approved. Diana to provide letter and advise Mara.

B. Central Valley Birding Symposium.

1. Motion for \$1000.00 sponsorship (Diana/Grant) was proposed and board approved.

C. Galt Winter Bird Festival 2018.

1. Motion for \$500.00 sponsorship (Gibbe/Diana) was proposed and board approved.

D. ARNA funding request for beginner birding book. (A.R. Parkway).

1. Discussed aspects of book, but want more information. Members to read authors email, and board will reconsider at next board meeting.

E. Big Day of Giving 2018 Orientation Registration.

1. Sally noted that, Jane to follow up and advise.

F. Diana advised, October meeting date was changed and it will be Oct. 24th, and not the 31st due to Halloween.

VIII. Adjournment: 8:37p.m.