

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2012
SMUD Building

President Don Schmoltdt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Cathie LaZier, Darrell Mohr, Don Schmoltdt, Gary Fregien, Jonilynn Okano, Keith Wagner, Linda Pittman, Karen Zumwalt, Sally Walters, Tim Fitzer

Guest: Ed Pandolfino

- Ed Pandolfino gave a presentation on a book he is working on in a joint effort with Edward Beedy (who wrote the original) and Keith Hansen is the illustrator. It is about Sierra Nevada Birds. They are requesting SAS support with funding on the remainder of the project.

Minutes of the November 29, 2011 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

Don Schmoltdt - President's Report

- Heyo Tjarks contacted Don about the Lower Feather River Corridor Management Plan; they are working with Department of Water Resources (DWR) on a 200-year flood plan and asked Don what SAS is doing at Bobelaine. Don advised that we work with Robert in maintaining the grounds and he would bring it to the board for discussion. Keith reported that Fish & Wildlife is interested in doing restoration. Keith will contact Fish & Wildlife to find out what is going on and follow up; he will also alert National, as they are the owners of the property. Keith asked Don and Sally to provide any further information to him.
- Don received a long insurance form from Anna Hill to be completed. Cathie suggested Don ask Anna about using the information on the previous years form.
- The Chapter Council meeting is on February 4, 2012, Maureen and Don will attend the meeting. Don was unsure if Peter would attend.
- At the last General Meeting, Paul Tebbel suggested to Don that we have some sort of "business card handout" to promote the website. Cathie suggested that we set out the bookmarks that we hand out at outreach events as it lists our website information.
- A director position on the board is available since Dan Williams moved to Southern California with his company. Keith suggested that an exploratory committee consisting of Tim and Cathie bring recommendations to the board. Discussion of possible candidates.
- An ECOS/Habitat 2020 representative position is available, as Keith has resigned because of other commitments. Keith will stay on until we are able to secure a replacement. Keith will continue to serve as Conservation Chair and assist with the legal side of issues. Discussion of possible candidates. Keith will submit a write up for the newsletter.

Keith Wagner - Conservation

- Keith will let us know when the public hearing is scheduled on the Sacramento County Sanitation District Conceptual Wind Energy Project. We need a big public showing of support. We will do an email blast that links to the petition. The staffs' recommended action is to suspend further consideration of wind energy at this site.
- American Bird Conservancy - petitioned the Department of the Interior to create mandatory regulations to protect migratory birds at wind energy facilities. SAS has endorsed this petition.

Sally Walters - Programs

- February - Garry George - Audubon California and Renewable Energy
- March - David Carle - Around the World Starting at Mono Lake

Linda Pittman -

- Linda and Karen spoke with Cathy Mullen about a grant available that uses REI funding which could be an opportunity to pay for lunch for the Kids CBC next year.

- Linda announced that it is Grant time again and that grants are available from Toyota for Green Conservation. This is a one-year project that would help under privileged kids in inner city schools to help pay for transportation for outings. Cathie suggested that Linda contact Paul Tebbel or Jamie Washington at EYNC re: programs. Linda offered to fill out all the forms for the grants.
- Linda and Karen went to the Big Chico Creek Eco Reserve and observed the banding of Northern Saw-whet Owls. The Reserve has a program "adopt an owl" and the money goes to help with their Northern Saw-whet Owl research project. There is a possibility that we can take 10 people on a trip in October-November to the Reserve. Linda made a motion to adopt two owls for \$60.00; Cathie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Zumwalt -

- We received a thank you from the Feather River Land Trust for our support in helping them produce the Guidebook that covers Maddelena Ranch property.
- We received a thank you from the SCRSD - Bufferlands for our support of this year's calendar.
- American River Parkway Foundation requesting a contribution, not at this time.
- Kern River Preserve requesting a contribution, not at this time.
- Linda expressed that the brochures for the GBBC from Cornell & Audubon are not very functional since they are two-sided.

New Business

- Cathie - request for reimbursement for Julie Serences administrative costs incurred for the upcoming GBBC. Cathie moved that we cover up to \$100, Karen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cathie reported on the KCBC - The event was well received and everyone who attended had a good time despite the cold weather and wind, the day was clear and it did not rain. The preserve building was crowded. Karen - felt that we needed to do more with follow up, such as sending out the results, providing everyone with a final list, along with thank you emails. There is discussion about selecting a different location, as the CRP was very crowded. Don suggested that we consider and look into the Yolo Bypass building or Effie Yeaw Nature Center.
- Cathie made a motion to donate \$50 to the Nature Bowl, Keith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cathie made a motion to donate \$1,000 to EYNC for classroom field trips and transportation for inner city schools. Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Tim made a motion to donate \$500 to the Panoche Valley Lawsuit; Keith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Keith made a motion for \$2,000 for the Sierra Nevada Bird book project with a stipulation for Ed Pandolfino to come back after they have tried to obtain funding from other resources. Darrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Discussion about the Map for Bobelaine and a guide to be placed at the kiosk. Linda will work on a flyer.
- Linda will be doing a program for Sierra Foothills Audubon to promote the Farallon Islands Pelagic trip and needs to borrow the projector.

President Don Schmoltdt adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jonilynn Okano, Recording Secretary.