

Sacramento Audubon Society  
Board Minutes - January 29, 2013  
SMUD Building

Present: Cathie LaZier, Darrell Mohr, Don Schmoldt, Gary Fregien,  
Jonilynn Okano, Karen Zumwalt, Keith Wagner, Linda Pittman,  
Sally Walters, Margaret Leavitt, Peter Watkins  
Absent: Subhash Chand, Tim Fitzer

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

The minutes of the November 27, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

Don Schmoldt -

- Don received an email from Bruce Forman of Department of Fish and Game requesting prize donations for the Nature Bowl on May 18, 2013 at Sac State. Don made a motion for \$50.00 and two books for the event, Keith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Don received an email from Judy McClaver regarding the feeding of ducks, geese, swans and other birds at McKinley Park and the impact to their health based on a diet of bread. It was discussed and decided that SAS does not have the resources to address or act on the issue. Don will refer Ms McClaver back to the city or possibly the zoo.
- Don spoke with Ed Pandolfino regarding his studies for the Golden Crowned Sparrows and he no longer needs SAS assistance.

Sally Walters -

- Sally would like the board to consider giving Dave Wyatt a grant for his Ringtail studies in the range of \$1,000 - \$2,000. It was discussed that more information is needed on specific needs and costs of the radio collars. Sally will contact Dave and bring more information to the board.

Keith Wagner -

- Keith received an email from Born Free USA requesting SAS sign on to support the California Department of Fish and Wildlife proposed stronger Falconry regulations. The new regulations would give the wardens extra tools when they run across a situation such as caging and taking young birds from the wild. The board agreed that SAS sign on for support.
- Keith made a motion for \$500 each to Habitat 2020 and ECOS for their annual dues, Cathie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Margaret will let Cathie know who to make the check out to and where to send it.
- Keith made a motion to appoint a nominating committee for the upcoming election of the board. The committee will consist of Tim, Cathie, Darrell and Keith. Jonilynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. We need to advertise a new slate of officers in the Observer in April and announce the slate and vote at the May General Meeting.

Margaret Leavitt -

- ECOS New President, Rick Guerrero is trying to enlarge and strengthen existing relationships with partner organizations. They have requested to attend a SAS Board meeting to discuss their activities and our missions and focus. They want

SAS to be more involved. They have specific requests such as Action Alerts, articles in the Newsletter and assistance in the Heartland project with a greenprint of open spaces and our expertise of critical habitat etc. Keith requested Margaret to invite the co-chairs of Habitat 2020 to the next board meeting. If they can identify what they need, we are here and available for them. Keith provided a background of ECOS and Habitat 2020; they were both evolved from SAS conservation committees. We have funds available to help them. Keith stated that we could invite the co-chairs of Habitat 2020 to be prospective SAS board members. In addition, we have the resources from NAS and our membership to assist monetarily in their efforts.

Cathie LaZier -

- Cathie reported on the outreach event at the Galt Winter Bird Fest, this past Saturday, it was well attended. There are more outreach events coming up; and emails requesting volunteers will be going out soon.
- We received a request for outreach at the Earth Day Festival at Southside Park.
- Cathie requested to table the discussion on Advertising classes and trips by SAS members on the Website & Observer to the next Board Meeting with Subhash in attendance.

Peter Watkins -

- Peter reported on recent sales at the bookstores and some issues he is having collecting payment. He also mentioned difficulty in getting books during the month of December due to Christmas counts. Cathie suggested that he call the bookstores to follow up on the amount due and to take new orders in advance of Holidays so the bookstores do not run out.

Gary Fregien-

- Gary made a motion for \$500 for the Feather River Land Trust. Cathie seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- Gary recently attended a Memorial for Rich Stallcup and recognition dinner for the Bird-A-Thon, which raises funds for PRBO. Gary made a motion for \$500 for a memorial scholarship in Rich Stallcup's name. Linda seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jonilynn Okano