

**Sacramento Audubon Society**  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: May 27, 2014  
Approved Date: August 26, 2014  
SMUD Meeting Rooms

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order: 7:08 p.m.

**Role Call: Board Members Present:** Linda Pittman, Subhash Chand, Keith Wagner, Tim Fitzer, Darrel Mohr, Gary Fregien, Jonilynn Okano. **Board Members Absent:** Cathie LaZier, Karen Zumwalt, Sally Walters. Guests: Marcia Ferkovich (treasurer elect)

**Approval of Minutes:** Draft April 2014 Board Meeting Minutes approved by consensus as circulated.

**President's Report (Linda):**

- Karen Zumwalt, Corresponding Secretary has resigned from the Board. SAS member, Diana Hickson has volunteered to pick up mail from the SAS PO Box and distribute to the Board. Linda and the rest of the Board express interest in Diana formally agreeing to serve on the Board in the official position of Corresponding Secretary.
- The upcoming Farallons trip is filling up quickly. Linda presently only has 3-4 vacancies left. Linda will put an add out on CV Birds seeking to fill these few remaining seats.
- Linda has been contacted by Mr. Kevin O'Connor with the Central Coast Wetlands Group at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, who is working on wetland evaluation monitoring standards called CRAM (California Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands). Mr. O'Connor's group was seeking permission to use Bobelaine as a test location for his group's assessment methods. Linda will e-mail more information on the request to the Board.

**Treasurer's report:**

- No treasurer's report was made, as Cathie LaZier was not present at the meeting.

**Membership (Linda for Lea):**

- Chapter currently has 3,009 members assigned by National.
- Chapter currently has 547 dues paying chapter members, 199 are cross over with National.

### **Programs Report (Linda):**

- Linda is presently standing in as Programs Chair. She is already assembling the speaker roster for the 2014-2015 membership meetings, and does still need to confirm a speaker for the first (September) 2014 meeting.

### **Outreach and Education (Linda for Cathie):**

- Cathie has sent an e-mail requesting volunteers to handle outreach at the Pacific Decoy Association meeting July 12-13, 2014. Linda is not sure whether Cathie has had sufficient responses to cover that event yet.
- No Education report as neither Cathie nor Karen were present.

### **Communications (Subhash):**

- Linda asks whether the SAS website might be set up for PayPal as a method of paying for merchandise online. Subhash and Marcia will look into it over the summer and come back with a report on options in the fall.

### **Resale Merchandise (Linda):**

- SAS has almost completely run out of print copies of Birding in Sacramento Region. Linda will check in with Chris Conard regarding potential updates.
- Linda is in ongoing contact with Becky Norris, who has volunteered to serve as Resale Merchandise Chair, to get Becky started and up to speed in the position.

### **Conservation (Keith):**

- Keith continues to look for a replacement who can be more active as conservation chair.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

- Subhash Chand: information on the SAS Speakers' Bureau is now posted at the SAS website.
- Subhash Chand: a new laptop has been purchased for Speakers Bureau presentations and general membership meetings. The cost exceeded the \$1,000 authorized at the last Board meeting by \$51.55, for a total cost to the chapter of \$1,051.55. **MOTION (Wagner/Okano) to approve the additional cost, for a total purchase price of \$1,051.55.** Approved unanimously.
- Subhash Chand: Subhash circulated proposed language issuing a challenge grant to other local orgs that support SAS mission. Keith Wagner responded to Subhash with proposed clarifying and amplifying amendments, which Subhash agreed with. **MOTION (Wagner/ Fregien) to approve challenge grant language, as amended, for publication in Observer and SAS' Website.** Approved unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Bobelaine Exploratory Committee:** \$200 donation was received from group who had contacted SAS seeking to use Bobelaine for a memorial service. Keith agreed to double check with Cathie and to make sure that invoice for 2012-2013 Bobelaine expenses has been submitted to NAS for reimbursement from the Crandall Estate Endowment fund held in trust by NAS for Bobelaine.
- **SAS Nominations Committee / 2014-2015 Board Elections (Tim):** The 2014-2015 Board Election was held at the May membership meeting. The slate of directors recommended by the Board was approved by the general membership.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Habitat 2020 2014-2015 Dues (Keith): MOTION (Wagner/Chand) to approve \$500 to pay SAS' 2-14-15 Dues to Habitat 2020.** Approved unanimously.
- **Feather River Land Trust 2014 Donation (Gary): MOTION (Fregein/Pittman) to donate \$500 to Feather River Land Trust for the Madelana Property.** Approved Unanimously.
- **Research Donation of \$1,700 to Dave Wyatt For Radiotelemetry Equipment Necessary for Continued Ringtail Research in the Sutter Buttes (Tim): MOTION (Mohr/Fitzer).** Approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.