

**Sacramento Audubon Society**  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: October 28, 2014  
Approved Date: November 25, 2014  
SMUD Meeting Rooms

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order: 7:01 p.m.

**Role Call: Board Members Present:** Linda Pittman, Subhash Chand, Marcia Ferkovich, Diana Hickson, Gary Fregien, Darrel Mohr, Jonilynn Okano, Larry Hickey.

**Board Members Absent:** Keith Wagner, Bill Bianco.

**Approval of Minutes:** Draft September 2014 Board Minutes approved by consensus.

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

- Linda reported that although she is signed up for the Capacity Building Workshop at Audubon California on Nov 1, she cannot go. Subhash will be going.

**Treasurer's report (Marcia):**

- Marcia provided examples of the balance sheet and profit and loss statement she will produce for each meeting from Quickbooks. Subhash and Linda requested a report of the amounts that SAS gives to each requesting organization each year; Marcia stated that such a report would be easy to provide.
- Marcia reported that she has opened a checking account at Wells Fargo as directed at the last Board Meeting with an \$11,000 deposit. Cathie will monitor the CDs at Heritage and when they mature Marcia will move them to Wells Fargo. Keith and Cathie will remain as signatories on the Heritage accounts until they are closed.
- Marcia sent a check for \$500 to support the Crane Festival.
- A digital logo was also requested for the Crane Festival and several logos were sent via email, including the old one. **Motion (Mohr/Chand) to replace the old logo with the new logo for all uses.** Approved unanimously.

**Membership (Linda for Lea):**

- The Chapter currently has 555 dues paying Chapter members, the first time to break 550(!).

**Programs Report (Linda):**

- Linda reports the following presentations are being planned for the membership meetings:
  - January: David Arsenault, Flammulated Owls.
  - February: tentative

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

- Birding Sacramento Area Books. There are under 50 books left. Darrel took 6 to Wild Birds and Cathie has taken 12 for upcoming events. Linda will tell Becky that no more books should be ordered for now. Subhash reported that Chris Conard emailed him and said the updates would be done by March 1 and that the old book content can go on the web.

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

- The Center for Biological Diversity has requested SAS support a petition for emergency listing of Tricolored Blackbird. Linda will respond.

### **Bobelaine (Linda):**

- Linda received a compliment from an Altacal member on the signs at Bobelaine; Robert has put signs that were in the barn on posts. Linda has researched gravel prices and determined that delivery is free until October 31. She will determine the quantity needed and coordinate with Robert to have him spread it on the road.

### **Education (Subhash):**

- Subhash talked to Wendy and Paul regarding school presentation outreach. They said any content needs to include Common Core Standards, which neither he nor anyone else on the Board know anything about. Subhash will ask Dana de Farcy, a teacher who will be receiving a Conservation Grant from SAS (see below), for information.

The Board discussed the new Observer format (looks good) and agreed the new member letter needs to be updated.

Linda will write a draft email regarding the donated spotting scope to be raffled beginning at the Crane Festival.

### **Challenge Grants:**

Jonilynn asked if there is a cap on grant funds per year. Subhash recalled that the Board had agreed on \$5000. Grants for this cycle (include those approved at this Board meeting) total \$4730.

- **Motion (Subhash/Jonilynn) to provide \$1,000 to Dan Airola for Tricolored Blackbirds proposal contingent on Audubon CA funding its share.** Approved unanimously.
- **Motion (Jonilynn/Garry) to provide \$1,500 to David Aresenault, Plumas Audubon Society for Lake Davis Flammulated Owl Study.** Approved unanimously.

- **Motion (Darrel/Larry) to provide \$530 to Dana de Farcy for the Casa Roble High School Courtyard Habitat Restoration Project.** Approved unanimously.

**Motion (Subhash/Jonilynn) to provide \$2,500 donation to ECOS to support Cordova Hills Appeal.** Approved unanimously.

**Motion (Jonilynn/Garry) to cover actual costs of Bufferlands Calendar up to \$500.** Approved unanimously.

**SAS Field Activities Checklist Funding.** The Board decided to table this until the next meeting. Jonilynn will ask Cathie for more information, including 1) who is the target audience? 2) what is the purpose of the checklist? 3) is it useful when printed in this tiny font, which few Board members could read? 4) why do we print this version of a checklist and the blue checklist? Garry will check the blue list to see if it is up to date. Additionally, \$429 may be excessive for 300 pads.

**Conservation (Larry):**

- Larry reported that H2020/ECOS is concerned about the addition of highway lanes along the proposed Green Line (Airport) Light Rail line.
- H2020/ECOS is concerned about the City of Sacramento's proposal in the Parks Plan of the 2035 General Plan Update to lower the required parks acreage per thousand residents ratio from 5 to 3.5 acres outside the Central City and to 1.75 within the Central City. This will be heard at the December Planning Commission Meeting and the January City Council Meeting. The Board unanimously volunteered Keith to work with Larry to develop an action alert to send to SAS members soon.

**Chapter Annual Report (Linda):**

- National's format requires a list of the Chapter's three main goals for the upcoming year. The Board discussed fund raising for Bobelaine, providing grant funds for conservation, and education projects in schools. Subhash suggested providing the four portions of the Chapter's mission statement and the Board supported this approach.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.