

**Sacramento Audubon Society**  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: March 31, 2015  
Approved Date: May 26, 2015  
Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room  
601 Munroe St., Sacramento CA 95825

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order: 7:06 p.m.

**Role Call: Board Members Present:** Linda Pittman, Subhash Chand, Marcia Ferkovich, Keith Wagner, Diana Hickson, Darrel Mohr, Larry Hickey, Bill Bianco. **Board Members Absent:** Gary Fregien.

**Approval of Minutes:** Draft February 2015 Board Minutes approved by consensus.

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

- USGS is holding a workshop in Sacramento on April 7, 2015, at the California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife building seeking public feedback on what activities are impacting birding and hunting. They don't have many participants registered for the workshop. A notice has been posted to CV Birds list. Subhash will send a similar notice to the SAS Action Alert list.
- Linda intends to set up a Board field trip to Bobelaine.

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

- Has sent e-mail to Board with current SAS financials.
- ECOS Dues have been paid for the year.
- Subhash noted reports are in the old format. Marcia will provide in new format next meeting.
- One of the SAS CD's has been rolled over.
- This is the first year that SAS' expenses are being put into Quickbooks. Next year will improve in terms of having a database from which to predict recurring bills and organizational dues and grants.

**Membership (Keith for Lea):**

- Membership Chair Lea Landry has sent SAS' most recent membership stats. Linda had trouble reading the file, will ask Lea to circulate a replacement.

**Programs (Linda):**

- April - Susan Schneider
- May (tentative) – Phil Garone – Fall & Rise of CV Wetlands
- Incoming/Returning Programs Chair, Sally Walters, will be taking over planning for the 2015-2016 membership meetings, which begins in September.

**Outreach (Darrell):**

- There was significant public turnout for Birds & Breakfast at Effie Yeaw.
- Presently appear to have enough volunteers to cover Return of Swainson's Hawk and Walk on the Wild Side.
- Looking for volunteers for Creek Week.
- Looking for volunteer for Wildlife Art Festival at Lyons Hotel July 11-12, 2015. time commitment: about 4 hours.

**Education (Subhash for Jenner):**

- Jenner sent out April birding events to be posted on SAS Facebook.
- Wendy Money has volunteered to lead birding trips for boy and girl scouts to earn badges.
- Saturday April 25, 2015, SAS will be leading bird walks at Soil Born Farms.

**Communications (Subhash):**

- Subhash presented to a garden club in Rancho Murrieta on Heartland Project: received \$100 donation. Subhash presented to a seniors group on Fulton Avenue: received \$110 donation. Both contributions are being given to Effie Yeaw for childrens' outreach programs.
- Subhash will be presenting to Kaiser Doctors next week.

**Conservation (Larry)**

- ECOS and H2020 are moving forward with the UC Davis Information Center for the Environment to create a habitat database for the Sacramento Region. The content has to be agreed on by all parties to the ECOS settlement agreement that is funding the project.
- City of Elk Grove is still of concern, in trying to expedite its segment of the Grant Line Connector Road project. No immediate action required. H2020 is monitoring. Will likely require future action.
- County of Sacramento is working a County Parks natural resources management plan. After discussion, SAS Board suggested that this may be a project that Jane Taylor, may be interested in monitoring.

**Nominations Committee (Keith)**

- Keith reported, and the Board unanimously approved the following recommended slate of SAS Directors for 2015-2016:

**OFFICERS:**

President - Larry Hickey

Vice President - Subhash Chand

Treasurer - Marcia Ferkovich

Recording Secretary - Keith Wagner

Corresponding Secretary - Diana Hickson

Past President (ex officio) - Linda Pittman (pelagic trips)

## **AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS:**

Bill Bianco  
Jenner Junghans  
Jane Taylor  
Sally Walters  
Gary Fregien

### **Old Business:**

- **Conflict of Interest Policy (Diana).** Diana circulated a draft conflict of interest policy that was modified from a form used by Santa Barbara Audubon. The Board made technical amendments to clarify that the policy applies to SAS Board members. **MOTION:** to approve Conflict of Interest Policy, as amended (Wagner/Chand). Motion Passed Unanimous.
- **SAS Insurance (Larry).** Subhash to inquire with Audubon CA regarding recommendations on Directors & Officers insurance, and report back. SAS Board to assess options for D&O coverage after getting that information. if Audubon CA does not have a recommendation, Larry will work with Marcia to fill out an application to get a quote for Board consideration.

### **New business:**

- **Bufferlands Calendar.** E-mail was sent to Linda recently that the \$583.95 printing cost hasn't been paid by SAS. SAS Board had initially approved \$500. **MOTION:** (Wagner/Hickson) to approve overage. Motion Approved Unanimously.
- **Walk on Wild Side** asking for sponsorships. Available levels \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000. **MOTION** (Mohr/Bianco) \$250 SAS Sponsorship for Walk on Wildside. Motion Approved Unanimously.
- **Tri colored Blackbird Grant proposal from Audubon CA:** SAS tabling matter, unless/until further inquiry/requests made by Audubon CA.
- **Swainson's Thrush Survey Grant Proposal:** Entire study budget is \$9,000. Sierra Foothills Audubon Society views the project as sufficiently important to contribute \$5,000. Tahoe Institute has indicated they will cover the balance, if SAS contributes \$2,000 toward the project. **MOTION** (Wagner/Chand) \$2000 to fund Swainson's Thrush Survey. Motion Approved Unanimously.
- **Potential Feather River Land Trust grant:** Board will wait for Gary to return to address the matter at its next meeting. Marcia will investigate and report on SAS donation history to Feather River Land Trust to bring back at next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.