

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: September 29, 2015
Approved Date: October 27, 2015
Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room
601 Munroe St., Sacramento CA 95825

Call to Order: Meeting called to order: 7:12 p.m.

Role Call: Board Members Present:, Larry Hickey, Subhash Chand, Marcia Ferkovich, Keith Wagner, Diana Hickson, Sally Walters, Jane Taylor, Bill Bianco
Board Members Absent: Linda Pittman, Gary Fregien
Guests: Tom & Karen Cadle (potentially interested in board positions)

Approval of Minutes: August 2015 Minutes approved by consensus.

Public Comment/Guest Presentation: None.

President's Report (Larry):

- Bobelaine: Larry went on a 4-hour tour of the property with Robert. Robert is maintaining the property on his own at this time. However, the chapter needs to begin to start considering future management, when Robert may no longer be able to handle the property on his own.
- Regional Sanitation: Larry went with Maureen Geiger to some properties owned by Regional San. Identified one property that could be an excellent location for future field trips. Currently we only get access if Chris Conard leads the trip.
- California Audubon is holding workshops on training people to train others on climate change issues, looking for participants. There will be one held in Sacramento on February 20, 2015.
- California Audubon is hosting a fundraising workshop in November, but Larry is still waiting for further details.
- Vanderbilt University is conducting a study on expert perceptions and birding. Larry will send a link with more information around.
- Larry has submitted the financial portion of our annual report 2015-2016 to National Audubon.

Treasurer (Marcia):

- Two checks had been written Sandhill Crane festival (\$500 each). Marcia has reviewed and has found that one check was not sent and will be voided.
- Marcia will be eliminating the category "organizational support" to instead recognize the actual uses of the funds by those organizations, which is either education/outreach for some grants, or conservation for others.

- The Bobelaine reimbursement was received from National for the 2013-2014 expenses that were submitted: \$2,994.39.
- Network for Good: Larry and Marcia have now figured out how to access donations/records coming in from Network for Good.

Corresponding Secretary (Diana):

- Chapter Catchment area. Diana passed around a map showing the territories assigned to us, which have several “white holes.” Diana has confirmed that National assigns our territory based on zip codes. Diana suggests that for those that are interior to our boundaries, we should just request they be added. Diana will do this. For white holes at the boundaries, would be better to refer to the chapter council meeting for chapters to work out.

Membership (Larry):

- Mara Weston has agreed to be the new membership chair. Larry has forwarded to Mara a writeup that Lea prepared containing the duties. Larry intends to meet with Mara and Lea to facilitate the transition.
- Larry is looking at potential software and streamlining solutions for the transition.
- **MOTION (Ferkovich/Wagner):** to pay \$10/hour for Membership Chair as independent contractor. Motion approved unanimously.

Outreach (Bill):

- Lodi Crane festival. Last year we sponsored at \$500 level. **Motion (Bianco/Chand):** to sponsor at \$500 this year. Motion passed unanimously. Bill will send the address for the check to Marcia.
- Galt Winter Bird Festival. **Motion (Bianco/Hickson):** to sponsor at \$500 level. Motion approved unanimously.

Education:

- With Jenner gone, different individuals have volunteered for different pieces of the job on the ground, but there is no central person taking on the job of chair. Larry will send an e-mail to the individuals to see if anybody willing to take it on, or get a notice into the Observer.

Communications (Subhash):

- Subhash is checking into whether we can set up electronic donations/dues/sales through Network Solutions our internet provider. **MOTION (Chand/Walters):** to authorize Subhash to set up the chapter to accept PayPal donations at a cost of ~\$20/month. After board discussion of options, motion approved unanimously.

Conservation (Larry):

- Mather vernal pools were saved thanks to ECOS/H2020 efforts.

- Regional San is still moving forward with the solar array in a portion of the Bufferlands, despite SAS' objection.
- Habitat 2020 has taken a position officially opposing the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. All meaningful dialogue has gone to the wayside and it has been largely turned into nothing more than a water grab. It is no longer a long-term conservation plan.

Old Business:

- Subhash reported that Birding the Sacramento Area is still under revision by Chris, he will be gone through October but intends to pick up on it.
- Discussion of efforts for the Big Day of Giving deferred.

New business:

- Birding 101 For New Birders by Maureen Geiger. **Motion (Hickson/Fekovich):** to approve \$240 for printing 400 copies. Motion approved unanimously.
- Keith (Recording Secretary) will be out October and November. He will reserve the Lemongrass meeting room for January – May 2016.
- Board Position is open. Deferring discussion pending finding out whether Mara will join the board.
- Reprinting Blue birding checklist. **Motion (Wagner/Hickson):** to approve reprinting 1,000 copies for ~\$525. Motion approved unanimously.
- Discussion of reprinting Bobelaine maps was deferred to the next meeting.
- Chapter Goals: Discussion of whether Board should set specific goals (fundraising in particular). The Board discussed checking in with persons who may be submitting grants, or for projects that committee chairs may want to promote.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.