

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

Call to Order: Meeting called to order: 7:02 p.m.

Role Call: Board Members Present:, Larry Hickey, Subhash Chand, Marcia Ferkovich, Diana Hickson, Sally Walters, Gary Fregien, Jane Taylor, Bill Bianco
Board Members Absent: Linda Pittman

Approval of Minutes: September 2015 Minutes approved by consensus.

Public Comment/Guest Presentation: None.

President's Report (Larry):

- The Sacramento Valley Conservancy is encouraging Sacramento Audubon Society to hold field trips at Deer Creek Hills. They will supply docents for trips we organize.
- We don't have a request for funds from the Bufferlands for ____ (calendar?) yet, but we expect one to come in.
- SAS has been asked to sign onto a letter to BLM to stop mining in greater sage-grouse habitat. **MOTION (Chand/Taylor):** to direct Larry to sign onto the letter on behalf of SAS. Motion approved unanimously.
- Hog Island (National) Audubon Camp in Maine provides trainings to teachers of children of diverse backgrounds. We may want to consider sponsoring a teacher in future years.
- Lionel Young of Yosemite Area Audubon Society's ACTBAT project to help tricolored blackbird has asked for a representative from SAS to work with the group. Larry will follow up with Linda and/or Dan Airola.
- SMUD want meet with environmental groups to discuss their proposal to create a high-power transmission line from Maxwell to Sutter Bypass/Highway 99. Larry will forward the invitation, but a more northerly chapter would likely be more appropriately involved.

Treasurer (Marcia):

- Presented the final Jul-Sep quarterly financial statement.

Corresponding Secretary (Diana):

- We received a check from \$5,000 from the Roy Greenaway Trust and a form to be signed by Larry, who will contact the attorney.

Membership (Larry):

- Larry met with Mara Weston, the incoming Membership Chair, and Lea Landry, the outgoing chair. Lea has written a detailed description of the process she takes each month. Sally offered to help Mara.

Outreach (Bill):

- We received a request from the Lodi Crane festival for items for their silent auction, but we don't have anything to offer this year. Occasionally we are offered prints, etc., which we could donate to events like this, but do not have a place to store them.

Education (Subhash):

- Two schools are interested in presentations.
- Grant Boice offered to organize a beginning birding class at the Cordova Senior Center

Communications (Subhash):

- **MOTION (Fregein/Hickson):** to approve the development of a phone app that will use text from "Birding in the Sacramento Region," which is not copyrighted. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- Gary Fregein tentatively resigned his Board position pending Tom and Karen Cadle's appointment to the Board by the President, which was approved by the Board.
- California Audubon is having a fundraising workshop in Suisun on November 14th. Larry will go if nobody else does.
- Discussion of the Big Day of Giving was put over until a future meeting.

New business:

- The electronic membership renewal/donation page is ready. **MOTION (Walters/Bianco):** to make it live on November 1, 2015 as stated in the Observer. Motion approved unanimously.
- Action on electronic newsletter delivery was delayed it can be worked out with Mara.
- Robert is ready to train his replacement at Bobelaine. As of today, he is not maintaining it. There is a big metal shed with equipment and the tractor. Joanne Vinton has offered to write a manual of what Robert has been doing but needs someone else to work with Robert. Diana will ask Gina Radieve if she will volunteer to do this. We need to document what needs to be done before we can assess our options for maintenance of Bobelaine.
- NAS contacted Larry about a call they received from a landowner who wants to donate 450 acres to an environmental organization. We are not able to take this on.

- Larry will bring back potential goals for fundraising to the Board after the California Audubon workshop on November 14th.
- Effie Yeaw Center is now charging for parking for our monthly member meetings. Gary recalled that in the original agreement ARNHA would provide permits. Sally will call Paul to clarify

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.