

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 29, 2017

Approved Date: September 26, 2017

Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting [Room](#)

[601 Monroe St., Sacramento CA 95825](#)

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order 7:10p.m. / Roll Call: Board Members Present: Sally Walters, Bill Bianco, Jane VanKessel, Rosalind Becker, Elliot Chasin; Board Members Absent: Marcia Ferkovich, Larry Hickey, Grant Boice, Gibbe Parsons. / Approval of Minutes: MayMinutes approved by vote (Walters, VanKessel)

II. Public Comment/ Guests: None

III. Presentations: None

IV. Officer Reports

A. President's Report (Sally)

1. A recording secretary is needed, since Kieth Wagner resigned from the board.
2. Search for a treasure continues. Being a non-profit SAS can't pay for treasures work. Requested if one, preferably two board members to take over treasure duty if they receive some instruction. Research for class on accounting for non- profit organization. Under consideration by Jane VanKessel and Bill Bianco.
3. Sally is meeting with Marcia - Treasurer-August 30 at the bank to have her signature on SAS account.
4. Discussed budget items. Bill gave budget numbers for Outreach (\$500.00 plus brochure costs) and Hospitality (\$300.00).
5. Sally wants to do a brief SAS expense overview at September's general meeting. Similar to last year.

B. Treasurer (Marcia): Absent

1. Marcia sent balance sheet, P & L, P & L YTD comparison and General Ledger via email to board members.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana): Absent

1. Diana sent email to board members. Advised she will attend the first meeting with Mara -membership chair-and the two volunteers who are going to look at "Excel and Access"

D. Other Officers (if anything to report): None

V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

A. Board Member and Chair Transitions (Sally):

1. Kieth Wagner resigned, so a new recording secretary is needed. Board membership is now nine.

B. Programs (Sally):

1. Asked for us to look for someone to take over programs.

C. Outreach (Bill):

1. Gave money from sales and donations to Sally, so she can pass on to Marcia. Total amount \$68.00.

2. Bill to contact Marcia for a \$25.00 check for CVBS exhibitor application.

3. Swan Festival at Yuba City is canceled for 2017.

4. Advised board of various bird brochures given out at events. Reviewed quantities on hand, printing costs, and future requirements. Printing cost appear high and will research for discussion at Sept. meeting.

5. Reported E-Z pop-up is repaired. Material cost was \$38.00. The upper scissor framing material is too light and careful set up & takedown is required.

D. Education (Gesna):

1. Bill gave overview of Sacramento City Unified School District Science Teachers meeting where we informed them about SAS, Nature Bowl and nature bowl coaching. Had nature bowl sign up literature available.

2. Need speakers for birding presentations. Should put request in Observer.

E. Membership: (Mara) No Action.

F. Communications: (Sally)

1. Discussed network solutions. Elliot to look into alternatives for web site.

2. Jane put constant contact on suspend mode for cost savings. If we need emailing, need to put back on active mode.

G. Resale Merchandise:

1. Bill advised that we sold 14 ball caps and have 36 on hand.

H. Conservation: (Larry)

1. Reviewed Larry's email, no alerts or requests from H2020 or ECOS to act on.

I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry, Bill, Diana)

1. Bill expanded on Larry's email comments.

2. Still one large oak tree (north Trail) to clear and more mowing and side clearing to be done. SRCC were not geared up for such large trees. Center trail, otter trail and part of north trail are open.

3. Ken Poerner over saw the three work days SRCC worked at Bobelaine. Bill helped the last two days. Ken and Bill will be going back once levee construction allows for easier access.

4. Bill gave opinion that Bobelaine Committee should have a meeting.

J. Other Committee Reports:

1. Hospitality. (Bill & Grant):

Cathie LaZier volunteered to help. Have notice in newsletter for requesting hospitality help. Bill presented hospitality schedule for the Sept., Oct., & Nov. general meetings.

K. Board Member Reports (if any): None.

VI. Old Business

A. Big Day of Giving (BDoG) (Jane):

1. Jane advised SAS received our check (\$3239.05), but not listed in treasures report. Check came early Aug., so it should show in Sept. report.

VII. New Business

A. NatureFest Sponsorship.

Bill reported a request from Betty Cooper with Effie Yeaw Nature Center, for sponsoring this year's event. Motion for \$500.00 Sponsorship (Jane/Bill) was proposed and board voted in favor. Sally will email absent members to get quorum. Once approved Bill will have to get check from treasurer and mail it with Sponsorship form to Betty Cooper.

B. Festival Sponsorships.

Bill advised there will likely be two more requests coming for Sponsorships. Crane Festival and Central Valley Bird Symposium. We might have them by Sept. board meeting.

C. "Observer" Editor's Pay.

Board members received an email from Tim Fritzer concerning a request to increase editor's hourly rate. Sally to check what the present rate is and will advise board. Issue for Sept. board meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: 9:15p.m.