

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board Minutes - April 24, 2012
SMUD BUILDING

PRESENT: Cathie LaZier, Darrell Mohr, Don Schmoldt, Gary Fregien, Jonilynn Okano, Karen Zumwalt, Keith Wagner, Linda Pittman, Subhash Chand

ABSENT: Sally Walters, Tim Fitzer

President's Report – Don Schmoldt

- Don reported on the LAFCO Board meeting; the meeting was on the proposed City of Elk Grove Sphere of Influence amendment. An administrative draft is being prepared for review before being sent out for circulation. Keith stated that this issue has been ongoing from the City of Elk Grove and has previously been rejected.
- Laurie Lipman who represents several groups surrounding Sutters' Landing gave Don information on a challenge to be the "Coolest City in California". The goal of the challenge is to provide resources to all Californians in order to reduce their environmental impact and take action to stop climate change. Laurie requested that we mention the challenge in the observer. Don circulated the handouts. The next observer will be printed for June/July. www.coolcalifornia.org.

Conservation – Keith Wagner

- Keith reported that two candidates applied for the ECOS and Habitat 2020 representative position. 1) Margaret Leavitt, a former land use attorney, retired; and 2) Lois Wren, a 25-year member of SAS and retired High School Biology Teacher. He will be following up with both candidates.
- Keith will be submitting a request for reimbursement to National for Bobelaine.
- The ECOS lawsuit has been filed; Keith will give Cathie the information on where to send the check.
- Keith has been unable to work on the T-Shirts. After the board discusses the proposed Logo's that Subhash sent around, we might consider using a new SAS Logo or Keith could work something out with Keith Hansen.

Treasurer's Report – Cathie LaZier

- The treasurer's report was previously sent to the board.
- Cathie reported that it is time for a new budget. She will send out an email to the board and committee chairs. Anyone with questions should contact her individually. If you have something that needs to be added, please let her know.
- Cathie continues to receive requests for speakers. Establishing a speaker's bureau was discussed. Cathie indicated that any presentation does not have to be formal and the presenter can work out his or her own program. It was decided that we should put a note in the newsletter regarding the need for people to volunteer and speak to different types of group requests.

Subhash Chand –

- Cliff Holley has volunteered to set up and monitor a Face Book site. Keith expressed a need to have someone to oversee and delete any negative posting. We could post trips, outreach events, etc. Keith recommended that Subhash speak with Garry George to find out if any other chapters are using Face Book and that Garry might be able to give us names or contacts to see what other chapters are doing. Subhash will also contact Tim about Cliff.

- Subhash previously emailed the board samples of suggested updates to the current SAS logo. Keith made a motion to update the logo using the dark blue sample. Jonilynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Subash made a presentation with the new DVD player and TV Monitor. There was discussion about our needs, training and education. Subhash will put together images and calls of the 20 or 30 most common birds in the Sacramento Region. Cathie, Darrell & Jonilynn will meet with Subhash privately for more instructions and a trial run prior to the Walk on the Wildside event on May 19th.

Darrell Mohr -

- Darrell reported that the Swainson's Hawk event was well received.

Linda Pittman -

- Linda has been taking reservations for the Farrallon's trip and is expecting it to fill up.
- Linda has been unable to go to Bobelaine to update the map.

Jonilynn Okano -

- An attendee of the Earth Day event asked if we thought about creating an application for a smart phone on the Birding in the Sacramento Region Book.

Don Schmoldt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jonilynn Okano