

**Sacramento Audubon Society
Board Minutes – August 28, 2012
SMUD Building**

PRESENT: Cathie LaZier, Darrell Mohr, Don Schmoldt, Gary Fregien, Jonilynn Okano, Karen Zumwalt, Linda Pittman, Sally Walters, Tim Fitzer

ABSENT: Keith Wagner, Subhash Chand

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the May 29, 2012 Meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report – Don Schmoldt

- We received an email from Julie Serences regarding Audubon at Home presentations requesting Board support and funding as needed. The board agreed to support Julie's efforts and pay for any required supplies through the Education Budget.
- Don tabled items from Subash until next month when he comes back. Cathie stated that Sally should announce information on the Speaker's Bureau at the September General Meeting and have Subash write something up for the Newsletter. Sally will keep an active list of speakers and send out requests when received.
- Meghan Hertel will speak briefly at the beginning of the General Meeting about the San Joaquin River Restoration project.
- Earlier this year the Board unanimously agreed to let Mark Dettling with PRBO Conservation Science include Bobelaine in the Sacramento Valley (and possibly more of California) in his Yellow-billed Cuckoo survey. He has completed the surveys and will send us a report of the results later this year or early next year.

Treasurer's Report – Cathie LaZier

- The Treasurer's Report was previously emailed to the Board.

Education – Cathie

- Maureen Geiger and Carolyn Woodruff will be meeting with John Sterling about scholarships that are available and will come to the next board meeting to ask for funding.

Outreach - Cathie LaZier

- Cathie reported that the following Outreach events are scheduled and she will be sending out a request for volunteers: Naturefest, Birding Symposium and Lodi Crane Festival.
- Darrell Mohr – Darrell ran into Paul Tebbel at EYNC. Paul mentioned the Bird & Breakfast to run for two days instead of one next year. He wondered if we might be able to lead more bird walks. Cathie said that the event is next March but we should be able to accommodate the request.

Karen Zumwalt

- Karen reported on new mail that was received, which were mostly newsletters.
- Karen discussed Audubon Adventures - a program that is not always about birding but more about the environment. On September 19, there will be a live webinar if anyone wants to join it; she has copies of previous programs they have given.

Linda Pittman

- Regarding Bobelaine, Linda got a copy of the Map from Alan. She will return to Bobelaine and make note of where we need to put signs back on the trails. A new map will be created based on the GPS coordinates. At that point, Linda will pursue having new signs made. Tim suggested using metal T-posts.
- Regarding the refrigerator at Bobelaine, Linda requested that Sally or Don get in touch with Robert in the fall when the weather cools down to help remove the refrigerator by utilizing the tractor. We will need to have someone with a truck assist in hauling it away.

Sally Walters

- Sally needs to talk to Keith to find out who at National that she should contact regarding eradicating the Ailanthus / Tree of Heaven at Bobelaine. There was discussion and agreement that there is no Board objection at this time to use a pesticide on the species because if are not proactive it could take over.
- General meeting programs speakers and topics are set for the rest of the year and most of next year.

New Business:

- Don received a request for funding from Holly Ernest of UC Davis for Bird conservation research. Cathie made a motion to donate \$5,000, Darrell seconded; the motion passed unanimously. There was discussion that once the research was in progress or complete, it would be nice if someone would come and report their findings or do a program.
- Cathie received a request from EYNC for a \$500 sponsorship for the Naturefest in October. Cathie made a motion for \$500, Jonilynn seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- Cathie received a request for a donation from the Feather River Land Trust. Gary made a motion to donate \$250, Tim seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- Cathie received an email from a member about selling binoculars in the Newsletter and on the Website. There was discussion by the Board and it was decided that we would limit the items to optics, scopes & tripods; add disclaimers such as - Only members can sell items, as this is a service to our members; SAS is not affiliated with the seller nor do they endorse the products, etc. Cathie will check with Mark Cudney about writing a disclaimer.

Don Schmoltdt adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Jonilynn Okano Recording Secretary.

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**D R A F T of Proposed Addendum to
the Sacramento Audubon Society Minutes of August 28, 2012**

Conservation Report - as submitted on September 2, 2012 by Keith Wagner

- Bobelaine and DWR Planning: the news is there is no news. Since my last report we have not heard from DWR or its consultants regarding their attempts to map the Feather River's hydrology and areas they view as impediments to high water flows.
- ECOS/Habitat 2020: I have continued to be in contact with Margaret Leavitt, the potential volunteer to take over as SAS liaison to ECOS/H2020. We had planned on attending the Board meeting on Tuesday so I could introduce her to you all, until my circumstances with work arose. At this point, Margaret and I are planning on attending the Habitat 2020 meeting this Tuesday together so she can meet those folks. If all goes well, she will be more formally volunteering after that meeting. I do intend to bring her to the September SAS Board meeting so you can meet her.
- Audubon At Home presentations by Julie Serences: Conservation (of course) strongly supports this effort by our Native Plant Coordinator and supports whatever funding or other support the Board might lend to these important educational efforts which directly also support the chapter's conservation mission.
- Subhash's ideas/suggestions re fundraising. I support Subhash's efforts to step up SAS' game in this area, but also much appreciate Cathie's long-term insights and observations about how this has worked (or not, as a practical matter) in practice with regard to field trips in particular.

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