

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board Minutes – March 26, 2013
SMUD Building

Present: Cathie LaZier, Darrell Mohr, Don Schmoldt, Gary Fregien, Jonilynn Okano, Karen Zumwalt, Keith Wagner, Subhash Chand
Absent: Linda Pittman, Sally Walters, Tim Fitzer
Guest: Margaret Martin

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

The minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Cathie introduced Margaret Martin to the board as a new director. Margaret will be on the slate for the next fiscal year.

Keith Wagner - Conservation:

- SAS received a request from Audubon CA to send a letter of chapter support to the State Legislature regarding AB711 which, if enacted, would ban lead ammunition for hunting anywhere in California to protect human health and our wildlife. The bill is being cosponsored by Audubon California, Defenders of Wildlife and the Humane Society. Keith sent in a letter stating SAS' support for the bill, and has offered further opportunities to Audubon CA including potential articles in the Observer or on SAS' website, and or an opportunity for Audubon CA to briefly address SAS members at one of the monthly meetings.
- Keith met Beth Pratt, California Director for National Wildlife Federation at NWF's annual national meeting in Albuquerque, NM. At the meeting, Beth mentioned that she had heard of some interesting research being done tracking ringtails. Keith informed Beth that he was aware of the research, and that SAS was a key sponsor, providing funds for radio collars for the effort. Beth stated that she may highlight the effort in upcoming NWF conservation news/e-mails, and that she appreciated SAS' direct efforts to support ongoing ringtail research.

Old Business:

Cathie LaZier

- The slate of officers will be announced in the April Observer and at the General meeting for the 2013/14 fiscal year. A vote will be held at the May general meeting.
- Pete Hayes will bring Bill Dillinger to the April meeting and the award will be presented to Bill.
- The CVBS was able to raise money for all the kids that applied for scholarships/travel. We donated \$450.00 for a travel stipend to one of the kids. Cathie shared his letter with the board.

New Business:

- Request for donation to Wildlife Care. Keith made a motion for \$1,000.00, Darrell second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Keith made a motion to provisionally donate up to \$500.00 to ECOS for sponsorship at Earth Day, Cathie second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cathie LaZier

Treasurer's Report:

- It is time to think about the budget for next year. Cathie will contact the individual committee chairs privately to find out what they need for next year. If you have any questions, contact her directly.

Outreach:

- The art show was a waste of time.
- Friends of the Swainson's Hawk event is scheduled for April 13th
- ECOS Earth day on April 21st.
- Walk on the Wildside is scheduled for May 18th

2014 Calendar update:

- Sharon is working hard on the calendar design. Photographers have been contacted and are submitting photographs for review. We are initially going to order 500 calendars with a cost around \$5.00, will sell for \$10.00.

Subhash Chand

- Subhash placed the Function Statements and Articles of Incorporation on the website.
- Subhash asked if SAS has a Bobelaine coordinator or committee. There is no committee and Don will write something up for Bobelaine. What is the status of the new trails map? We need to check with Linda.
- Subhash asked how SAS receives its' money. Cathie - we receive money from donations, bequests, membership and from National. Subhash expressed concern that we could be giving more to individuals or groups that need assistance. Keith suggested Subhash put a notice on the website and create a form for people to complete and mention that SAS supports conservation and other environmental causes and projects, etc with instructions to fill out the form, and submit the requests to the board for discussion and vote.
- Subhash asked about a historian. Keith will bring the books - the 1st and 2nd 25 years of SAS. Subhash will PDF the documents and place on the website under archives.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Jonilynn Okano.