

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board Minutes – November 27, 2012
SMUD Building

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the October 30, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

Maureen Geiger

- Maureen reported the Central Valley Bird (CVB) Club will finance the youth scholarship and SAS approved providing travel expenses for the scholarship if financially necessary, up to \$500. Keith – made a motion to contribute up to \$500 Darrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Maureen discussed her interest in the Young Birder Project that started in August of 2010, they have held over 20 trips. Currently, family friendly trips are about once a month. Their goal is to get families and their kids outdoors. Maureen maintains a database of 80 plus emails and sends out information.
- Maureen would like to have more focus on a Young Birder's Club so they can connect on Facebook or a blog and get them talking. This would be for kids that are already interested in birding. Cathie recently spoke with Tim Manolis and he said when he was younger he hooked up with other young birders and they all became biologists. Maureen would like to see a kid's page on the website.

Cathie LaZier – Treasurer's Report & Outreach

- We received approximately \$6,000 from National for our annual payment.
- Recent outreach events included The Lodi Crane Festival, The Naturefest at Effie Yeaw Nature Center and the Central Valley Birding Symposium.
- Thanks to Dan Brown for providing a DVD of White Tailed Kites and thanks to Lon Yarborough for providing DVD's of the Sandhill Cranes.
- Julie Serences requested reimbursement for expenses related to recent events in the amount of \$50. Cathie made a motion in the amount of \$50, Jonilynn seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Linda Pittman –

- Linda went to Chico for the Saw Whet Owl banding. The owls are very cute and small. Graduate students are doing studies of the owl's habitat. Linda may lead a trip to the area in the future but will limit the number of people. The area is near Big Chico Creek. Linda made a motion to donate \$200 for the Saw Whet Owl Project; Karen seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Sally Walters –

- Sally would like have two picnic tables added on the Bobelaine property. It was suggested that we advertise in the Newsletter and ask for donations or materials and supplies. Sally will write something up for the Newsletter.

Keith Wagner –

- Keith reviewed Margaret's report; (included as an addendum to the Board Minutes.)
- We need to tell Margaret our role in the Earth Day event. A meeting will be held on 12/7 and Margaret will not be able to attend.

Gary Fregien

- Gary talked to Keith Hansen regarding the artwork for the T-shirts. Dan Tankersley also talked to Keith Hansen. Keith Wagner previously got permission from Dan Brown to use his artwork. Dan Tankersley might assist with the T-shirt project. Cost is approximately \$100 for artwork. Keith will pass the project on for someone else to take over since he has been unable to work on it.

Old business: Function statements to be ratified by the board and stored electronically for historical retrieval.

Cathie - Do we need to ratify the statements as they could change as people change?
Keith - We can use them as a guide for us and for new people. Where should we keep the statements? Should we put them on the website for others to look at? Maybe Subhash would like one more round of discussion about the function statements.
Tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Jonilynn Okano.