

**Sacramento Audubon Society  
Board Minutes - October 30, 2012  
SMUD Building**

PRESENT: Cathie LaZier, Darrell Mohr, Don Schmoltdt, Gary Fregien, Jonilynn Okano, Keith Wagner, Sally Walters, Subhash Chand, Tim Fitzer  
ABSENT: Karen Zumwalt, Linda Pittman

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes of the September 25, 2012 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report – Don Schmoltdt

- Don attended the Central Valley Council Meeting in Merced on October 13, 2012. Most of the groups who attended the meeting have the same goals as us. They have kids programs, beginning bird guided trips and some work with scouting groups. Some use a sign up sheet on their field trips then share the information gathered with a local chapter of the Sierra Club.
- Mike Sutton of Audubon California gave a talk on conservation programs and flyways. He is hoping to get the Toyota Green program started again.
- There is a free Audubon Magazine program for Libraries, contact is Rebecca Sills. We should call to see if any libraries might be interested in receiving the magazine.
- Chad Hansen talked about the Black-backed Woodpecker. He has published scientific studies on topics of fire ecology of western US conifer forests, fire history, fire intensity patterns and climate and wildlife species dependent on post fire habitat.

Subhash Chand –

- Subash asked how the board decides on which project to take on or approve. Keith responded that we have not had a specific policy but relies on people who have been on the board for a long time. It is more informal and there has not been a policy to determine how we rule.
- Subash asked if there are any changes to the flyer he created. He would like to hand the flyers out at different events and give to others to use. Cathie stated to print them up and give her the bill for reimbursement.

Sally Walters –

- Sally cancelled the herbicide treatment for now for the Tree of Heaven at Bobelaine. Robert has been working on the weeds, the poison oak and blackberry vines.
- Another issue at Bobelaine is a tree that is leaning toward our neighbor's property and if it falls could cause property damage. Don and Sally will check into the cost of having it cut down.

Cathie LaZier –

- The Treasurer's Report was previously emailed to the board
- Some upcoming outreach events are: the Lodi Crane Festival, Central Valley Birding Symposium, Galt Winter Bird Festival and more events are scheduled in the spring.

Keith Wagner –

- Keith provided 2007 Committee Chair Function Statements to Subhash to incorporate into the SAS Organizational Manual and asked that everyone take a look and get back to Subhash with any changes. Gary asked if the previous

drafts were adopted by the board. Keith replied that they were used as a tool by the board.

- The new revised statements can be ratified by the board then put into an electronic format, and filed for historical retrieval.

#### Keith – Conservation

- Margaret Leavitt continues to go to the Habitat 2020 and ECOS meetings; she has not yet been formally appointed. Keith requested a provisional appointment pending her acceptance of the positions. Don provisionally appointed Margaret for the positions of Habitat 2020 and ECOS representative. Keith will convey the information to Margaret.
- Margaret provided a report to the Board, which Keith read.
- Glenn Holstein will write an article about the Heartland Project for the next issue of The Observer.
- Margaret said that everything Keith reported at the previous Board meeting is about the same.
- The Cordova Hills project is in the east county outside the city of Rancho Cordova border. There was an article in the Sacramento Bee on 10/12/12 promising a college project, but it is unlikely.
- The Southeast connector road from Elk Grove to Folsom can be a magnet for expansion. The general concept is that the money available is to be used for conservation. The Joint Powers Authority is trying to block the development.
- Keith announced a fund raising event for California Native Plants for protection of Vernal Pools at the Splash Center near Mather on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will email us the details.
- Keith met with Bridgett **Mc C?** of Audubon California, she is based out of Emeryville. She supports the chapters and can help with grants etc.

#### New Business

- Don made a motion for \$250.00 to cover costs for the bus and entry fee for Wendy Money's kindergarten class field trip to go to Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cathie made a motion for funds up to \$500.00 for the Bufferlands Calendar for 2013. Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. We need to get the new SAS logo to Chris Conard.
- Discussion of request from Wendy Money for exposure and networking assistance to support the Donors Choose Project. We need to find out how much money if any will be needed after other organizations donate. Don will email Wendy to write up a time line and monitor other donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jonilynn Okano