

**Sacramento Audubon Society
Board Minutes - September 28, 2012
SMUD Building**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes of the August 28, 2012 Meeting were approved as submitted.

Keith Wagner -

- Keith introduced Margaret Leavitt, an applicant that is interested in the Habitat 2020 and ECOS representative position. Margaret is undecided at this time; if she accepts, the position is by appointment of the President. In this role, Keith experienced important projects and controversies surrounding the projects. The representative takes the issues from Habitat 2020 and ECOS and passes them on to the board, Sharon, and Subhash who then send information out to our members through the newsletter and website. Keith will let us know when Margaret makes a decision.

Keith Wagner - Conservation

- The Elk Grove Sphere of Influence expansion is having trouble. They need to get approval from LAFCO. This area includes habitat that is critical for protection as part of the Habitat Conservation Plan. A conservation plan would not be viable any longer and they are working against each other. Habitat 2020 is following up and indicated that these are bad ideas.
- The SE Connector from Elk Grove to Folsom issue is very controversial. Litigation has been filed by Habitat 2020 and no details will be available during settlement discussions.
- The Cordova Hills project outside the Rancho Cordova city limit is strongly opposed by the environmental community because of the Vernal Pools and other issues. The project is being pushed by land developers. The issue is up for a hearing by the Sacramento City Planning Commission with more hearings in the future.
- The Heartland Project has been ongoing for the past 4-5 years. Sacramento is doing a regional blueprint and a working landscape. The project is striving to replace what was here before and bring it back to its' original state. Cathie suggested that an article about the Heartland Project be put in the Observer and on the Website. Keith will email Matt, Shawn, Glenn and Betsy to request a write up.
- Keith asked Sally if she was able to get in touch with the contacts that he sent (CNPS and USFS) and suggested she follow up with them and do research with the other folks regarding Bobelaine and the Tree of Heaven. Sally found that to eradicate the Tree of Heaven it is considered a part of Restoration Management for Bobelaine. Sally will find out about matching the season to the Herbicide. Sally wants to bring John Rusmore back out to get an estimate from him.

Don Schmoltdt -

- Don received an email from Mary Beth Metcalf regarding the American River Advisory Committee asking SAS to replace the position that Elmer Aldrich held. Keith suggested that if Margaret attends the next Habitat 2020 meeting she check with Mary Beth to find out whom at the conservancy that we should talk to about filling the position. Keith will send Margaret's email address to Don so he can find out if anyone is interested in the position.

Cathie LaZier - Treasurer's Report

- Cathie will be completing the Treasurer's report once her computer is replaced. All the bills have been paid and everything is balanced.

Cathie LaZier - Education Committee Report

- Carolyn Woodruff, John Sterling and Maureen Geiger met and John announced that he is stepping down as President of Central Valley Birding Club; Chris Conard will take over the position. John is starting a "Young Birders Club" as part of CVBC. John, Maureen and

Carolyn want to make it possible for young people to attend various birders' workshops that are put on by different agencies and will come to the next Board meeting and request funds.

- Chris Conard is running beginning birding classes through Splash starting in October and will be counting these classes as part of SAS Education projects. Don should include this in his report to National at the end of the year.

Subhash Chand -

- Subhash is of the opinion that we need more volunteers and a volunteer coordinator/recruiter and feels it would be helpful if we had job descriptions for the positions that are vacant such as the Education Chair. Subhash volunteered to create job descriptions and bring them back to the Board. Gary suggested that Subhash contact the Sacramento Valley Conservancy as they have a volunteer coordinator for fund raising events etc. Karen suggested that we put posters up for volunteers to sign up at the General meeting and then follow up with them to let them know what they will be doing.
- Subhash reported that the cost of mailing the books has gone up. It was decided to increase the cost with shipping to \$14.00.

Sally Walters -

- Sally asked if we had a list of Speaker's for the Speaker's Bureau. The following are now available: Sally, Don, Maureen, Subhash, Julie and Jerry. Sally will coordinate any requests for speakers. Subhash will burn a CD of the presentations for Sally. Subhash suggested that an email be sent out to schools, garden clubs etc. to let them know we have the presentations available.

Jonilynn Okano –

- Requested that the Addendum to the Minutes of the August 28, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as submitted. Darrell made a motion to accept the Addendum to the Minutes, Tim seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Karen Zumwalt –

- We received a Thank You from the Feather River Land Trust for our donation.
- We received a sponsorship request from the City of Lodi for the Lodi Crane Festival. It was discussed and decided that the City of Lodi is not environmental organization and therefore we will not sponsor the event. However, we will have an outreach booth at the event.

New Business

- Keith made a motion to contribute \$500.00 to ECOS Environmentalist of the Year Award, Cathie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cathie - As part of the Ducks in Scopes project at Consumnes River Preserve (CRP), Ann from Yolo Bypass brings a Magiscope for everyone to view various pond creatures, etc. However, when Ann isn't working, they are without the Magiscope. Cathie made a motion to donate \$150.00 for the "Ducks in Scopes" program at CRP so they may purchase a Magiscope. Subhash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Don made a motion to donate \$1,000 to help support the Central Valley Birding Symposium, Darrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jonilynn Okano, Recording Secretary.