

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date/Time: April 24, 2018; 7:00p.m.
Location: Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room
601 Monroe St., Sacramento Ca. 95825

Approved date: May 27, 2018

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present: Bill Bianco, John Huls, Harriet Saeck, Rosaling Becker, Diana Hickson, Jane Van Kessel (telephone). Planned absences: Sally Walters, Larry Hickey, Elliott Chasin, Grant Boice. Sally Walters gave her proxy to Bill.

Approval of Minutes (Mar.) There was not a quorum at the March meeting; no decisions were made at that meeting, and we did not have a quorum of March meeting attendees to approve the minutes.

II. Guests / Public Comment. None

III. Presentations: None

IV. Officer Reports

A. President (Sally):

1. California Audubon has invited members to attend their California Audubon Advocacy Day. See their website for details.

B. Treasurer (Harriet):

1. Review of SAS bylaws concerning donations that are stock. Harriet reported that most nonprofits' bylaws state that donations of stock will be liquidated immediately. Harriet and Diana will work on changes to the bylaws to be presented to the membership for a vote. Bill suggested that we hold a special Board meeting or dedicate a monthly Board meeting to working on proposed bylaws changes.

2. Jane and Harriet sent membership renewal reminders to everyone who had not renewed prior to last November. This resulted in an increased income of \$2,000.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana): Nothing to report.

D. Other Officers (if anything to report): Nothing to report.

V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports.

A. Board Member and Chair Transitions (Sally):

John Hull has agreed to be VP next year and Heather White has agreed to be the Recording Secretary.

1. Need to fill a director's position to get to five. Bill asked that we all think of someone to become a director prior to the next membership meeting, when the slate needs to be voted upon.

B. Programs: Nothing to report.

C. Outreach (Bill):

M/S Hickson/Saack To purchase 1,000 pencils with Sacramento Audubon Society information for no more than \$200. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Education (Gesna): NatureBowl is Thursday. This is the first time Sacramento Audubon has sponsored this environmental educational event for grammar school children.

E. Membership (Jane):

1. Diana will ask Wendy to make several changes to the SAS website, including demoting National Audubon membership information and making the headings more clear.

2. Diana and Harriet will review the bylaws and website and clarify that National members in the Sacramento Audubon's area are members but do not receive the newsletter.

F. Communications (Sally):

1. Elliot to advise board of web addresses, so board members can review templates. This was not discussed.

G. Resale Merchandise (Becky Norris) (Bill): Nothing to report.

H. Conservation (Larry, Elliot): see Larry's email of this past week with conservation update.

I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry, Bill, Diana, John)

1. Ken has suggested possibly paying the local Rancher's workers to maintain Bobelaine, or working with another Conservation Corps group. Ken is doing a wonderful job but is urging the chapter to consider how Bobelaine will be managed in the future.

J. Other Committee Reports (if any): Nothing to report.

K. Board Member Reports (if any): Nothing to report.

VI. Old Business

A. Request for support from Feather River Land Trust. Diana has previously sent out this request but will resend it or contact Feather River Land Trust for a more specific ask.

B. Request for support from Federal Junior Duck Stamp. We did not provide funding last year and decided not to this year. We expressed a preference for funding local projects.

C. Harriet to check what is covered by SAS insurance policies. Insurance broker is in Virginia. Harriet suggest getting a broker from California who knows California laws. We discussed our current broker's recommendations to require field trip participants to sign a waiver. Diana will work with Harriet to come up with questions and information and then start a conversation with our field trip leaders.

D. Status of updated job descriptions for Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. In progress.

VII. New Business

A. Status of LAFCo decision on Elk Grove expansion. SAS to consider support to key petitioner (Sierra Club) through FOSH. Request is for \$1000. Diana left a message for Jude Lamar to find out the status of this request and the lawsuit. She will present this information to the board via email and we can vote on the donation if it needs to happen before the next meeting.

B. Bufferlands Calender donation. Harriet advised no check was written (\$500 approved Oct. 2017 meeting). Printer “ KP” invoiced \$544.02. M/S Hickson/Becker to pay KP \$544.02. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Request for funding for Tricolored Blackbird aerial survey. Dan Airola proposal dated 4/23/18. M/S Hickson/Huls to provide Dan Airola \$1,000 to fund Tricolored blackbird aerial survey pilot study on the condition that Dan submit a short summary of the study for the Observer. Motion passed unanimously. Bill will provide Harriet with information needed to write the check.

VIII. Adjourn: 8:32 pm