

**Sacramento Audubon Society**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: January 31, 2017  
Approved Date: February 28, 2017  
Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room  
601 Munroe St., Sacramento CA 95825

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order: 6:59 p.m. / **Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Sally Walters, Diana Hickson, Jane Taylor, Bill Bianco, Sue Darst, Jane Van Kessel, Grant Boice, Larry Hickey, Gibbe Parsons; **Board Members Absent:** Marcia Ferkovich, Keith Wagner / **Approval of Minutes:** November 2016 Minutes approved by consensus.
  
- II. **Public Comment/Guests:** None
  
- III. **Presentations:** None.
  
- IV. **Officer Reports**
  - A. **President's Report (Sally):**
    1. She is completing a report to national for funding eligibility.
    2. Marcia has indicated a desire to vacate the Treasurer position due to workload. A request for a replacement familiar with QuickBooks and able to spend several hours a week on Treasurer duties will be placed in the newsletter, Facebook page and announced at upcoming general meetings. Sally will ask Marcia to continue until a new Treasurer is found.
  - B. **Treasurer (Marcia):** Marcia had sent balance sheet, P & L and general ledger through December 2016 via email to board members.
  - C. **Corresponding Secretary (Diana):**
    1. Diana circulated accumulated SAS mail.
    2. She is filing SAS' continuing non-profit status with the Secretary of State.
  3. **Other Officers (if anything to report):** None
  
- V. **Committee Chair and Board Member Reports**
  - A. **Board Member and Chair transitions (Sally):** Jane T. is preparing to resign at the end of May due to the arduous commute from Lincoln to Sacramento board meetings.
  - B. **Programs (Sally):** None.
  - C. **Outreach (Bill):**
    1. Bill presented specifications for a new picture board to be used for tabling at events. Made of vinyl and using a stand like a video screen, it unrolls and can display pictures of field trips, birds, and nature scenes for a cost of \$585. Diana moved to approve up to \$600 for the new roll-up, and the board voted in favor. (Hickson, Hickey)
    2. Bill is also overseeing a new loop DVD for tabling with images to be coordinated with the new picture board.
    3. He circulated an updated list of 2017 SAS events with many of the dates now known.

- D. Education (Gesna):** Gesna sent an email asking for volunteers to assist John Huls and Katherine Howard with SRCC EEP field trips February 10, March 3 and 10, and April 21. Larry volunteered for a couple of dates; others should contact Gesna if they can help.
- E. Membership: (Sally, Sue):** Sue summarized an informal discussion on options SAS might consider to update its Excel membership software, noting that national members in the area number 2312 and local chapter members are about 600. With our small size, some software is too ambitious, but among those that might be suitable are MailChimp and Microsoft Access used by the East Bay chapter. Sue will continue her research, including what other chapters do.
- F. Communications (Sally):** Sally, Sue and Wendy Money met with Subhash Chand regarding website administration and recommend that we keep our current site but form a technical committee of two or more to maintain and update content. Sally is interning and Wendy is in place.
- G. Resale Merchandise:**
1. Sally reported that Chris Conard currently is too busy to work on the SAS Sacramento bird guide, but he intends to get to it.
  2. Jane VK presented two samples of impermanent SAS window decals for board member critiques. She will continue to develop the designs.
- H. Conservation (Larry):** Several area legal challenges may draw in SAS for financial support, to wit: Additional Folsom development south of Highway 50, possible defunding of the ESA enabling more Natomas sprawl, and twin diversion tunnel threats to Stonelakes. Larry will keep us posted of updates.
- I. Bobelaine Committee (Larry via email, Bill, Diana):**
1. The regional agency doing levee repair at Bobelaine will bring in heavy equipment around April in preparation for work to begin in May.
  2. The contract with SRCC for three days of maintenance will continue at the same rates as last year, though they asked for more money.
  3. Ken Poerner continues to support his “adoption” of Bobelaine, including mowing, and the current committee is very much engaged.
- J. Other Committee Reports (if any):** Nominating (Keith): Arriving home from Thailand the evening of this meeting, he will update the board in February.
- K. Board Member Reports (if any):** None

## **VI. Old Business**

- A. Publishing “Observer” 12 Times per Year (Sally):** The board formally approved this item by unanimous vote. (Taylor, Hickey) The board agreed to look into e-mailing the newsletter and adjusting the price of hard copies in conjunction membership/newsletter research described above.
- B. Birdwalk Android App Donation to App Developer (Diana):** Tabled for a future meeting.
- C. Big Day of Giving:** Jane VK continues to coordinate SAS participation with Subhash Chand.
- D. Updates to SAS by-laws (Keith):** Tabled until next meeting.

- E. \$500 fee plus \$469 airfare reimbursement, payable in February, to Steph Clymer, February speaker at the general meeting (Sally):**  
Though coming at a price, Steph's topic of entering historical data into e-Bird is important for research on migration, population trends, climate change, etc.; board members approved. (Parsons, Van Kessel)
- F. Selection of Hospitality Committee for general meetings (Sally):** Bill and Grant will continue in a temporary capacity at present.

**VII. New Business**

- A. \$500 request for Walk on the Wildside (Bill):** Walk on the Wildside will be promoting reusable bags with SAS' logo at the event. Board approved the funding. (Hickey, Darst)
- B. Grant request from Dan Airola for research on Swainson's Hawk migration patterns (Sally):** The board approved up to \$2000 to reimburse project consultants crunching radio-telemetry data, but will also establish a grants budget for the next fiscal year before the deadline is set. (Taylor, Van Kessel)
- C. Money and/or volunteers requested to cap open fence posts along the Ancil Hoffman golf course, a potential threat to nesting birds:**  
Grant suggested that this might be appropriate as an Eagle Scout project, and he will contact a couple of troops to gauge their interest in taking it on.

**VIII. Adjournment: 8:34 PM**