

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: April 25, 2017
Approved Date: May 30, 2017
Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room
601 Munroe St., Sacramento CA 95825

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order: 7 p.m. / **Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Sally Walters, Bill Bianco, Larry Hickey, Diana Hickson, Jane Taylor, Sue Darst, Jane Van Kessel, Grant Boice, Gibbe Parsons; **Board Members Absent:** Keith Wagner, Marcia Ferkovich / **Approval of Minutes:** No action

II. Public Comment/Guests: None

III. Presentations: None

IV. Officer Reports

A. President's Report (Sally):

1. Search for new board members continues, with the Treasurer position requiring accounting skills and fiduciary responsibility.
2. In the interim, Marcia will stay on as Treasurer, and Keith will re-assume Recording Secretary duties.

B. Treasurer (Marcia): Absent

1. Marcia had sent balance sheet, P & L and P & L Prev Year Comparison via email to board members. Her late transmission of the General Ledger was not received by all.
2. The lack of a current budget to guide program expenses was reiterated by attendees.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana):

1. She distributed new mail.
2. Nothing to report

D. Other Officers (if anything to report): None

V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

A. Board Member and Chair transitions (Sally): New board member Eliot Chasen will begin his service in May.

B. Programs (Sally): Several programs are lined up for general meetings.

C. Outreach (Bill):

1. Bill presented two less-than-full size banner samples, having requested of the designer to enlarge upper images and reduce lower ones that will be concealed behind tables.
2. He has collected cash from the last meeting to relay to Marcia.
3. Upcoming events include Creek Week this weekend and Walk on the Wildside on May 20.

D. Education (Larry for Gesna):

1. Bill attended the May 8 Nature Bowl at Camp Pollock and observed facilities and proceedings.

2. SAS has been asked to sponsor a Nature Bowl semi-final in 2018; Sue remarked that several volunteers will be needed for each AM and PM session to assist youthful participants.
3. Gesna is coordinating with a “Cultural Relevancy” workshop on May 15 addressing a need for diversity among participants in environmental awareness and activities.

E. Membership: (Sue):

1. Sue will follow up with Mara for updated SAS membership numbers for May’s meeting.
2. The search for a technical person able to research, evaluate and set up new membership software continues.
3. Microsoft “Access” may be the easiest migration from “Excel”.

F. Communications (Sally): She and Wendy Money are progressing with website skills with Subhash Chand still available for technical support.

G. Resale Merchandise:

1. An invoice from the ball cap maker to be forwarded to Marcia for the 50 caps ordered is forthcoming.
2. SAS plans to charge \$20 per cap at general meetings and events.
3. SAS incurred a 72¢ fine for unpaid sales tax for resale merchandise.

H. Conservation (Larry):

1. A first draft of the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, dedicating contiguous parcels to protect threatened species for 50 years, has been sent to federal authorities. For more information visit www.southsachcp.com.
2. The City of Folsom continues to expand its sphere of influence south of Highway 50, warranting monitoring by Habitat 2020 and ECOS.
3. Larry requested from Marcia payment to Habitat 2020/ECOS the board approved at last meeting.

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

1. Bobelaine is still flooding from high Feather River flows protecting damaged Oroville dam, and Bill is documenting the situation with photos.
2. Evaluation of damage and what needs to be done there cannot be assessed until floodwater recedes.
3. Holding a fundraiser for damage mitigation was reiterated, and a short summary of the conditions will be announced at the next general meeting.
4. Trees marked “Remove” that are not supposed to be removed should be unmarked as previously requested; Sally will coordinate with the committee on how to insure this is done.

J. Other Committee Reports (if any):

1. Nominating (Grant): Grant has compiled a new list of possible candidates for board membership, all candidates on his previous list having declined.
2. Hospitality (Bill and Grant): Bill has sent a request to Sharon Wisecarver for inclusion in the next 3 issues of the Observer an announcement of the need for rotating volunteers.

K. Board Member Reports (if any): None

VI. Old Business

A. Big Day of Giving (BDoG) (Jane VK):

1. SAS is signed up with Constant Contact, and CC's first email has gone out. This transmission plus links on Facebook, the Observer and SAS website have netted 3 donations so far.
2. Although the BDoG web page itself is arresting, the SAS' website link does not read well; Wendy should attempt to make it stand out, perhaps even by enlarging the font.
3. Kayre Axe and another tech-savvy birder from Oregon, Hayley, did not recommend Twitter for fundraisers like BDoG, but will monitor the account.
4. They recommended use of Instagram over Twitter for photo protection and membership building long-term.

B. Updates to SAS by-laws (Keith): Absent; it was noted that any changes made to the by-laws must be approved by SAS general membership.

C. Money and/or volunteers requested to cap open fence posts along the Ancil Hoffman golf course (Grant):

1. A Melissa Gates has completed the work of capping the +/- 70 posts and has spent somewhat over \$200 for which she has not sought reimbursement from SAS.
2. Diana moved that the board approve up to \$240 for her reimbursement conditional on a request and a receipt or receipts for the materials, which the board approved (Hickey, Bianco)

VII. New Business

A. None

VIII. Adjournment: Bill so moved at 8:16 PM, with no objections.