

## Minutes

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

November 28, 2017

Location: Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room

601 Monroe St., Sacramento CA 95825

Meeting called to order at 7:03

Members Present: Sally Walters, Harriet Saeck, Bill Bianco, Diana Hickson, Grant Boice, John Huls, Jane Van Kessel, Elliot Chasin, Gibbe Parsons. Absent: Roslind Becker. Larry Hickey planned to be absent; he provided updates prior to the meeting.

Guest: Ariana Rickard of Audubon California, Associate Director, Chapter Network. Ariana suggested that if folks elect to have a digital news letter it would be in color, if in paper then B&W. Need to discuss with Sharon.

Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of October 2017 meeting approved by consensus.

President's Report: Sally will complete and submit the Chapter's Annual report to National Audubon (Oct. 1, 2017 to Jan. 31, 2018)

Treasurer's Report: Harriet presented, and the Board reviewed, past and present financials. The Board determined budgets for all income and most expense categories. Budgets for Conservation, Sponsorships and Education/Outreach were continued until next meeting. Harriet will send out past expenses so we can review the level of funding we have provided organizations in previous years and finalize this year's budget at the next meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Other Officers: Nothing to report.

Committee Chair and Board Member Reports:

Board Member and chair transitions: John Huls is a new Board member. We need a new recording secretary; Grant will contact a person who might be interested.

Programs: Sally reported that she has programs through February,

and some beyond.

Outreach: MOTION (Chasin/Van Kessel) to authorize Bill to purchase no more than 500 copies of the hummingbird/oriole brochure at a cost of no more than \$350. Passed unanimously.

No other chapters have shown interest in sharing the cost of brochure printing.

Education: MOTION (Van Kessel/Boice) to authorize expenditure of \$235.00 for printing of 100 copies of "Birding 101 for New Birders." Passed unanimously. Sally asked if we could scan or otherwise put this on our web page, also.

Membership: Sally reported that there were 539 members

Communications: Website alternatives (Elliot), no update.

Resale Merchandise: Bill reported that 20 of 50 hats have already been sold and we will break even at 26 hats.

Conservation: Elliott reported that Habitat 2020 has been reviewing City of Elk Grove Sphere of Influence and Kammerer Road. Larry Hickey wrote a comment letter regarding impacts to purple martin from the I Street Bridge project and Habitat 2020 wrote a concurring letter.

Bobelaine Committee: Bill reported that he met with the levee contractors who still need to complete work on the levee, grade and gravel the parking lot, and replace the fence and add a gate for people. They have no estimate of when this work will be done but Bobelaine will not be open to the public on December 1st as previously scheduled.

Sally suggested an article for the Observer providing some history and more detail and specific costs and funding needed for Bobelaine, and a bird-a-thon as a fundraising event for Bobelaine. The Bobelaine Committee will discuss at its next meeting.

Larry requested in an email prior to the Board meeting that we find out how much funding NAS will be sending to us for Bobelaine.

Old Business

MOTION (Saeck/Bianco) to increase the Observer editor's pay from \$15 to \$20/hour and the membership chair's pay from \$10 to \$15/hour. Passed unanimously.

ARNA requesting funding for beginner bird book on the parkway.  
MOTION (Boice/Bianco) to approve donation of \$250 to ARNA for the book.

#### New Business

Request for support from Wildlife Care Association - continued to next meeting.

2. Request for support from Feather River Land Trust - continued to next meeting.

3. Request for support from Federal Junior Duck Stamp - continued to next meeting.

4. Review Audubon California Funding Grants for possible Bobelaine costs. Larry has offered to write a proposal for an Audubon Collaborative Funding Grant to support more work by SRCC at Bobelaine. MOTION (Hickson/Parsons) to designate half of the SRCC budget this year as matching funds for the Collaborative Funding Grant to fund work at Bobelaine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.