

Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: October 24, 2017
Approved Date: November 28, 2017
Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting [Room](#)
[601 Monroe St., Sacramento Ca 95825](#)

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order: 7:04pm. /

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Bill Bianco, Harriet Saeck, Larry Hickey, Gibbe Parsons, Jane Van Kessel, Rosalind Becker, John Huls. Board Members Absent: Sally Walters, Grant Boice, Elliot Chasin, Diana Hickson. / Approval of Minutes: September 2017 Minutes Approved by Board subcommittee of the whole.

II. Guests/Public Comment: Peggy Kennedy

III. Presentations:

Guest Peggy Kennedy with ARNA presented a prototype of the new field guide "150 Frequency Seen Birds of California's Great Valley"; and gave the board a description of the book. Described the "easy use" design and basic bird information with each picture. Board gave the pictures an design a very good rating. ARNA will have 2,000 copies printed. Printing cost at \$13,000 plus the designers fee. Suggested retail price \$14.95. (less 40% wholesale).

ARNA is requesting a donation to help with the printing cost. No set amount, whatever SAS is comfortable with providing.

IV. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports.

A. President's Report (Sally - planned absence)

1. Bill reported he did not attend the Central Valley / Sierra Council Meeting.

2. Jane provided an updated board member directory. Jane will revise it for new board member, John Huls.

B. Treasurer (Harriet):

Harriet gave a review of her accounting experience and presented copies of financial statement. Also presented copies of the Comparative Income Statement. Larry brought up the ongoing issues with NAS Dues and NAS reimb. for Bobelaine. NAS does not separate the two, and we get a check with one amount. The need for additional item lines and/or descriptions under the income column item lines. I.E. Bobelaine Committee donations from SAS members.

Looking at the Comparative Balance Sheet, Bill asked about HCU CD #66, #67, #68, and #70. They were not listed. Harriet had a discussion with Marcia about the older CD's, they have matured previously and were deposited into the checking account. There is one left with a balance of around \$8,000.

Harriet and Diana will meet with Mara to discuss how the membership is recorded and if we should use a different method, perhaps using a portion of quickbooks as the software.

Harriet suggest we have a meeting and concentrate on budget, financial issues. Bill suggested if the Nov. agenda is light, we should do it then. Harriet can bring her laptop.

C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana - planned absence):

D. Other Officers (if anything to report):

1. Bill advised board that he received a reminder from David Ringer(NAS) that Chapters Annual Report to National Audubon is due by Jan. 31, 2018. Sally will have to update last year's and send to National.

V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

A. Board Member and Chair Transitions (Sally - planned absence):

1. Board approved unanimously the appointment of new members Harriet Saeck and John Huls, per SAS bylaws.

B. Programs (Sally - planned absence) None

C. Outreach (Bill):

1. Advised Diana sent a posting to Audubon Works concerning the sharing of printing costs of brochures with other chapters. Bill being contact person. Bill said he has not received any requests so far.

2. Bill requested \$25.00 check for vender application for Galt Winter Bird Festival 2018. We already sent our sponsorship check.

D. Education (Gesna):

1. Nature Bowl 2018. Bill reported for Gesna that recruiting for schools is going well. Presently have four schools participating (6 teams) and potential of two more schools. Gesna will start recruiting for volunteers in January. Event is scheduled for 4/26/2018 at Camp Pollick.

2. Environmental Education Program for SRCCC. Larry gave a brief description SAS involvement. Be no classroom lectures, only field trips to Bobelaine. Field trips will start in January. Gesna has trip leaders scheduled.

E. Membership (Mara) None

F. Communications (Sally - planned absence): None

G. Resale Merchandise (Becky Norris): None

H. Conservation (Larry/Elliot)

1. Habitat 2020. Elliot to update, next meeting.
2. Larry advised ECOS still trying (ongoing) to stop expansion at various locations; Folsom, Elk Grove.
3. American River Parkway Conservancy is just getting off the ground. SAS needs to pay close attention to what develops, before we make any commitments.

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

1. Larry reported levee construction is to be done end of Oct. and restoration of road, parking lot, gates, picnic area, and kiosk won't be done until the end of Nov. Hopefully, our requested donation from contractor to help restore these items comes about. Bobelaine should be open Dec. 1st.

Commented that volunteer, Ken Poerner has been doing a great job working at Bobelaine. Larry presented a map showing what trail areas are walkable and what areas still require clearing. Lot yet to be done.

J. Other Committee Reports: None

VI. Old Business

A. Review of editor and membership Chairman pay rates. Forward to budget discussion at Nov. meeting. See IV/B above.

B. ARNA publishing donation request for beginners birding book. Board discussed it is worthwhile to provide a donation, but put on hold so full board can discuss the amount we want to donate. Goes along with the budget review.

Bill will send email to Peggy advising her SAS will be donating, but the amount needs full board consideration.

C. Big Day of Giving. Jane advised she went to orientation Registration, and paid the \$85.00 fee. We need to provide the financial profile by Jan. 31. To set up constant contact, Jane needs email contacts list from Mara.

VII. New Business.

A. Received request from Chris Conard for sponsoring the Bufferlands 2018 Calendar once again. SAS logo and Web address would be on the calendar. Calendars will be provided to hand out at SAS general meetings, etc.

MOTION (Larry/Gibbe) \$500 to support calendar printing. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.