

## APPROVED MINUTES

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

Date/Time: September 24, 2019; 6:30 p.m.

Location: Turley and Associates

2431 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, CA

### I. Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

#### A. Roll Call:

1. Board members present: Grant, Bill, Diana, Daphne, Heather, Jane Van Kessel, Mary
2. Board members absent: Elliot, Sally, Gesna

#### B. Approval of Minutes (August 2019): A couple of corrections to last month's minutes discussed. Draft minutes approved by consensus, with inclusion of corrections discussed here.

### II. Guests / Public Comment: None

### III. Presentations: None

### IV. President and Treasurer Reports

#### A. President (Bill): .

1. Rodenticide letter: Monthly Program speaker. Bill sent info via email to board members about sending letter to the City of Sacramento Parks Director to discontinue the use of rodenticide at Del Paso Park.
2. Dan Airola is still working on purple martin document. Will need monetary support but Bill hasn't heard from him how much.
3. Larry Hickey: American River Parkway Foundation is putting up a native plant display to be named "Audubon." Additional help from us may be needed and he'll let us know if so.
4. Teens and kids Christmas bird count: Kids get gifts after the count. Gesna has asked board members to donate new or gently used bird related item(s) for kids in the 5-10 and 10-17 age groups. Gesna will collect these at the Nov board meeting.

#### B. Treasurer (Harriet):

1. Farallon trip broke even.
2. The update we made to the membership renewal notice has made a difference in our donations. Diana will write a thank you note to the person that made the suggestion that we do this.

### V. Old Business

#### A. SAS Rental Space:

1. Bill got a quote from Sac Tree Foundation to rent space. They want \$350 per month for 1 cubicle of space or \$600 per month for 2 cubicles of space. Decided rental amounts are too much for SAS budget.
2. Bill called another storage place—6x7 space is around \$57 per month. Put on hold; Bill will do more research on this item.
3. Ad hoc committee established: Archive Committee. Will go through items in the boxes (Bill's and Gesna's), decide what we should keep, what we should

get rid of, and what we should scan in. Daphne will chair the committee and will find a date that works for the committee to get together.

#### VI. New Business

- A. Nature Fest Sponsorship: Last year we gave \$500. Motion (Jane/Diana) to give \$500 to Nature Fest. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Bruce Forman, Grant for Environmental Theater: Program will be in the spring of 2020. We want clarification on what his ask is as far as money. Bill will follow-up with Bruce to find out Bruce's exact request amount.
- C. Sandhill Crane Festival Sponsorship: Request for sponsorship for this year's festival. We usually give them \$500. Motion (Mary/Daphne) to donate \$500 to the festival. Motion carried unanimously.

#### VII. Other Officer Reports

- A. Corresponding Secretary (Diana): Elliot brought back newsletter from Portland Audubon Society where they have 40 staff members. Newsletter passed around to board members to view.
- B. Other Officers (if anything to report): None

#### VIII. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Education (Gesna) by email: she sent out update to the group earlier this week.
  - 1. Naturebowl: March 31<sup>st</sup> is the date. We may want to change our board meeting date for that month. We'll schedule it for March 24<sup>th</sup> instead of March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Membership (Jane): She sent numbers by mail.
  - 1. People keep switching to the electronic version of the newsletter, so that's good news.
  - 2. We will look into the issue of Audubon saying local membership is a benefit of national membership. Heather to check with Gesna to see if she has looked into it.
- C. Bobelaine (Bill):
  - 1. Workday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, it's a weekday (8-12ish). Mary and Grant will help. There will likely be mowing and chainsaw work. We have two operational, commercial grade mowers in the shed. One is in use and one is in storage mode.
  - 2. Mary Huffington: put in bird boxes up at Bobelaine (bluebird boxes) just recently. Bill will schedule another workday including Mary and her family.
  - 3. Bobelaine Committee is no longer needed because it was established for the levee project. Committee is disbanded for now. Bill's phone number is posted at the kiosk, so he will keep board advised of Bobelaine.
- D. Website (Gesna): Update sent by email to board earlier in month.
- E. Pelagic Trips:
  - 1. Maureen Geiger sent email to Bill reminding him that Field Trip Committee not interested in offering pelagic trips next year. They're just not worth the effort.

2. Bill noted that the Board Committee List has the Pelagic Trips listed as a separate committee from the Field Trip Committee, so the Field Trip Committee isn't required to schedule pelagic trips. Linda Pittman was the committee chairperson but she doesn't want it anymore. Harriett took it over last year for this reason. She went on both of the trips last year.
3. Maureen suggested to Harriett having the Pelagic trip from Moss Landing instead of Monterey. Monterey has always been a 2-day affair (with one day of land-based birding). Harriett says there is a pontoon boat that can go up the estuary. She suggests 1 day of pontooning up the estuary and 1 day of going out in the ocean. Some discussion of the possibility of offering the pontoon boat trip separately, for those who do not want to go on the ocean, but would like the estuary trip.
4. Harriett will lead the Pelagic Trips committee if she has committee members. Mary will help because it's very important for SAS to keep its diversity of field trips. Jane will join the committee too. What to call the committee if they also offer a non-ocean trip up the estuary as a stand-alone trip? Committee can discuss.

F. Other Committee Reports (if any): None

G. Board Member Reports (if any):

1. Daphne: Del Paso Regional Park. Last General Meeting. Rodenticide bait boxes. Daphne spoke with Cathie Lazier about sending out an alert to the membership. We don't do this because it caused a problem before; we had blowback from the membership back then because they felt their emails were overwhelmed with information. We have a signup for people who want alerts but this group is only 2 people. Bill sent an email to the 2 alert members. This will hopefully be helped by having the new website up and going so we can ask people to opt in for alerts like this.

IX. Adjournment: 8:02 PM