

MINUTES [APPROVED]
Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Date/Time: May 26, 2020; 6:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes. Begin at 6:34.
 - A. Roll Call:
 1. Board members present: Mary, Daphne, Diana, Gesna, Bill, Jane, Elliott, Harriett, Grant, Heather
 2. Board members absent:
 - B. Approval of Minutes (April 2020): With a few edits, all approved unanimously.
- II. Guests / Public Comment: John Harding
- III. Presentations: John, Will discuss later, during Website Review (Item V.B.)
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President (Bill): [8].
 1. Bobelaine: Reworking the levee starting at the point where the Bobelaine South Gate is located and continuing south to the bridge. The contractor wants to use Laurel Ave. for empty trucks going to 99. Worst case scenario estimate was 2,000 truck trips down Laurel. They'll give us a schedule soon. 6 days per week M-Sat, but won't be steady. Bill will put notice in Observer to let members know.
 2. Also Bobelaine: National has signed agreement to cross property and requested a dump of gravel. Bill has contact info for the project managers.
 3. Sojourner Truth Community Garden: Bill sent email. Wondering if we want to put a notice about it in the Observer. Gesna suggested it could be a family-friendly activity. Might not happen because of Covid-19. She's asking if we'd like to help out. Bill will find out from her if she's using native plants.
 4. Field Trip Committee: Maureen will set up an outdoor meeting to discuss what they want to do regarding Covid-19 and the field trip schedules.
 - B. Treasurer (Harriet): [8]
 1. Financial statement sent earlier. We're doing really well with dues. Expenses vs. donations at Bobelaine: We're \$9,000 ahead. Around \$5000 total for BDOG.
 - C. Corresponding Secretary (Diana): [3] Completely out of letterhead.
 - D. Other Officers (if anything to report): None
- V. Old Business
 - A. Dog Sign for Bobelaine: [3] Bill got 2 estimates. One is \$93. Other is \$48.94. We edited the verbiage a bit. Bill will get a new quote and we'll approve it by email.
 - B. Board Review of Website Progress: [30] Mary and John doing a website presentation. Mary has done a great job with content and design. John has been great on technical stuff. Mary has downloaded everything that was on the old website down to a flashdrive. Website is moving along well. Gesna has a list of the final hurdles we need to complete before going live. There's a discussion of

attaching PayPal to the new website. Harriett gave John the info he needs for this.

- a. Question from Gesna about Twitter/Facebook/Instagram/etc. The small icons are missing from our site. Mary says there's somewhere that we say to see our FB site.
- b. The launch will occur by June 26th, to make the payment deadline for Network Solutions. We should put something about the website launching in the next Observer. Committee can discuss this separately.
- c. Question from Harriett: Need in writing: how do we get the website stuff into the Policies and Procedures document? Will the committee continue? How do future board members keep track of website details? John will be the webmaster. Will other people also help out? Who will this be? Still need to discuss.

VI. New Business

- A. Cat Policy (postponed to August Meeting)
- B. SacTown Mural: [5] Let Bill know if we have input for this project. He sent it to us all via email.
- C. Google Voice: [8] We don't currently have a phone number on our website. Maybe we should use Google Voice to set up a phone number for SAS. Discussion concluded we don't need this.
- D. Webinar for September meeting: [5] If Covid continues to be an issue, should we do a webinar for the Sep general meeting? Maybe we could use WebEx (like we're doing here). It's free for now and is limited to 100 participants. WebEx will be about \$13.50 per month for 100 participants once they start charging for it.
 - a. Maybe in July or August, we put an announcement in the Observer Jane can also send out email to everyone. Need to coordinate with Anthony first to see if this whole thing is doable; do we have presenters that could do this?
 - b. Bill says we need to do a vote for board members. Could we do this electronically?

VII. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Membership (Jane) [5]: She sent out email about newsletter format (paper vs. electronically) to the board members. Some of us responded. There's wording on the website. We're all okay with it.
- B. Education (Gesna) [8]:
 1. See Gesna's report by email
- C. Website (Gesna) [5]:
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- D. Conservation (Elliot) [5]:
 1. Nothing new to report. He spoke with Habitat 2020 folks about Tricolored blackbird. Hab 2020 is having a meeting next week. After Elliott is gone, we won't have a Conservation Chair. Bill will fill in for him.
- E. Outreach (Bill) [3]: Virtual Harvest Day. Wanted a mission statement from us. Gesna wrote one. Bill forwarded it to Sharon.
 1. All other events have been cancelled.

F. Nominating (Grant) [8]: Need 2 new members. He's contacted 3 folks and 2 have declined. Nancy is still interested, but wants to come to an in-person meeting, not an online meeting. Bill will check in with her. Grant has 3 other names (Karla Barberro, Muriel Parker, Dan Brown) and will check with them.

G. Other Committee Reports (if any): None

H. Board Member Reports (if any):

1. Daphne sent summary of her 3 items she's been working on over the past year. Car donation: should she pursue it? Harriett doesn't think it's worth it. She's been involved with it at the Zoo. Daphne won't pursue the car donation thing.
2. Mary has something: She came across a Backyard Bird-a-thon that a local audubon chapter is doing. Would we be interested in getting something like that going? A way to engage members during Covid. Mary should email Maureen; she's the chair of the Field Trip Committee. Maybe this is a Field Trip Committee issue.
3. Website meeting on June 9th: Board is invited to this meeting. Last opportunity for board decisions regarding website.
4. This is Elliott's and Grant's last meeting. June 30th is the end of their terms. Elliott may stay on until we find someone else.
5. Gesna: 2 members will be highlighted in the next Observer: Jane and Harriett. Then she'll do Elliott, Grant, and Heather afterward.

VIII. Adjournment: 8:49 pm.