

MINUTES [APPROVED]

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Special Meeting

Date/Time: June 30, 2020; 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

I. Call to Order: 6:32 pm / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes

A. Call to Order: 6:32 pm.

B. Roll Call:

1. Board Members present: Bill, Jane, Mary, Daphne, Elliott, Harriet, Diana, Heather, Gesna
2. Board Members absent: Grant, Sally
3. Guest: Nancy Gronert (potential new member)

C. May Minutes approved unanimously

II. Year-end Financials Review. Harriett discussing the year-end financials.

III. New Business

A. Officer and Board Member Vote

1. How to achieve the vote from the membership during the pandemic? Usually occurs in Sep. We could do it with: Survey Monkey, ballot printed in the Observer, and radio button survey on the website. About 96 members haven't given us their emails. We can put a note in the Observer that folks can contact membership if they don't get a survey monkey ballot by email.
2. Should it be by the whole group as a slate or one by one? We usually do it as a full slate of folks. We can put the slate in the August Observer, including a clip out ballot in the September Observer, announce at September meeting. Give folks a week and the votes are due Sep 23rd. Make announcement in October. Elliott will work with Mary to get Survey Monkey/website ballot ready. Jane will get Observer announcement to editor.

B. Bobelaine access:

1. Construction: National AS gave permission for construction crew to use the property. Neighbors haven't. If they agree to it, we'll have a lot of trucks going down Laurel for 5 weeks. Will be a truck going down Laurel every 7 or 8 minutes. Perhaps we should close Bobelaine during the 5 weeks for liability reasons. This is scheduled to happen starting Aug 24th and then going to about Sep 24th. May need to add another week for road repairs. Motion (Mary/Gesna) to close Bobelaine through construction. Approved unanimously. We'll put it in Observer, on website, etc like last time. Add a flyer to the board at Bobelaine to let folks know in advance that it will be happening and can put a sign on the gate.
2. General public access:
More folks are using Bobelaine because of Covid. Lloyd the neighbor is concerned about the general public causing mayhem on the site and wants to know if the sanctuary is only for members or if there's some way to restrict access. It's open to the public, but Lloyd wants to close his gate. We have an easement right for access to the site; can he close the gate if he chooses to? We should read the easement language. Or perhaps this is a county issue. This might come to a head later.

C. September General Meeting

1. Platform: Webex or Zoom? Mary sent information out to the group. Starting tomorrow Webex is changing and limiting free service to 50 mins and will not have a call-in option for the free service. Zoom doesn't do the call-in options that Webex does which might not work for us. Webex has 24 hour customer support for pay service. Zoom's customer service wasn't as detailed. Mary thinks we should go forward with Webex. Limit is 100 participants. No limit to how long a meeting can last. Price: \$14.95 monthly or \$108 annually.
2. Motion (Diana/Jane) to pay for a 1-year subscription. Approved unanimously. Only 1 account to run the meeting and be the host. We'll want to use one of the community email addresses (webmaster email address or create a new one). Mary and Bill will get us signed up for this paid version of Webex.

D. Action Alerts:

1. Folks are signing up with the new website and what do we want this to look like? Could we do local issues, like what we did with letter writing for Haggin Oaks golf course, and the Bridgeport Pond issue? Can we set up a formal process where folks tell us they're interested in receiving these and we put them on the list? Perhaps we can add something on the website.
2. We should develop a process for where we get the info for an action alert, who creates an action alert, and where do we go from there? We'd like to be able to update the membership on what Habitat 2020 is doing. Elliott will talk to them at their next meeting to see if they're okay with updates going to our membership.

IV. Adjourn: 7:56pm.