

APPROVED MINUTES
Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Date/Time: February 25, 2020; 6:30 p.m.
Location: Turley and Associates
2431 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, CA

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes. Call to order at 6:33
 - A. Roll Call:
 1. Board members present: Gesna Clarke, Bill Bianco, Harriet Saeck, Mary Forrestal, Jane Van Kessel, Elliot Chasin Grant Boice, Heather White
 2. Board members absent: Daphne Reimer, Diana Hickson, Sally Walters
 - B. Approval of Minutes (January 2020): Approved unanimously.

- II. Guests / Public Comment: None

- III. Presentations: None

- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President (Bill):
 1. Reminder - March Board Meeting on the March 24 to avoid conflicts with Nature Bowl.
 2. Dan Airola of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, Oak Restoration program is looking for volunteers. Bill will forward the information to Heather White. Elliot will share the information with Habitat 2020.
 3. Thank You letter received from the Central Valley Bird Club for our support.
 4. P.O. Box billing information has been updated to reflect Harriet Saeck's information.
 5. Janelle Commins of The Henne Group reached out for volunteers to take part in "a virtual group discussion on the experiences and perspectives of people who participate in recreational activities in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Area" on behalf of the Delta Protection Commission. Bill will forward the information to all board members.
 6. Ryan M. Gilpin with the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture is looking for a volunteer or recommendation of a volunteer to join him in providing a wildlife focused presentation for the tree care industry. Bill is forwarding this information on to all board members.
 7. Sacramento Zoo is asking us to set up an outreach table for their Earth Day Program. Based on previous years' experience, Harriet recommends we do not attend.
 8. Davey Tree will complete their work at Bobelaine on February 26.
 - B. Treasurer (Harriet):
 1. Financial statement: this year vs last year. Dues are up. No complaints about the increase in membership dues.
 2. Funding for the continuing maintenance of the Bobelaine has been received from National. This money will be used to pay for the work currently being completed by Davey Tree.
 3. The Observer costs are much lower as the number of individuals receiving The Observer electronically has increased.
 4. Dues for ECOS and Habitat 2020 have been paid.

- V. Old Business
 - A. Sacramento Audubon Logo
 1. Three version of the logo were presented. Board eliminated 1 option and requested to see the other two versions on sample letterhead. Elliot said he would send out a mock-up of the stationary and proposed the Board vote via email for the new logo.
 2. Corresponding Secretary is almost out of stationary and is waiting to order new until the new logo is chosen.

VI. New Business

A. Review Insurance

1. No Change to the Certificate List
2. Suggested additional items to consider based on exposure
 - a. Umbrella Excess- Harriet believes we already have this
 - b. Cyber Risk – Not needed as all online sales and donation are done through PayPal. PayPal has all the exposure.
 - c. Terrorism Risk Insurance – Not necessary.
 - d. Abuse and Molestation – Not necessary. Continue practice of having parents remain or multiple SAS members when volunteering with children. Follow-up discussion with education and field trip committee chairs. Add parent and leader requirements to Field Trip and Education sections in Policy and Procedures document.

VII. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

A. Education (Gesna):

1. Education Committee report sent out 2/23/20, see attached.

B. Membership (Jane):

1. Currently 604 SAS members. 208 of these members have elected to receive email newsletters.
2. Donation received specifically for “transportation of needy children to birding events.” We are too small of an organization to designate funds this specifically. Jane will follow up with Diana on Thank You for donation.
3. Request from Lorraine Brown for applications, information sheet, and copies of The Observer to be made available. Jane provided electronic copies of requested materials.

C. Website (Gesna):

1. Website Committee report sent out 2/23/20, see attached
2. Next presentation to the board will be at April Board Meeting

D. Pelagic Trips (Harriett):

1. Committee is taking an exploratory trip to Moss Landing / Elkhorn Slough.
2. Proposing October 2020 trip

E. Conservation (Elliot):

1. Bill has received letters from the DC Stakeholder Group. Elliott will speak with Shawn Worth from Habitat 2020 and provide an update at the next board meeting.
2. Grant requested information on the Sites Reservoir. According to Elliot the period for public comments is over but he will look into additional information.

F. Nominating

1. Grant Boice will head the Nominating Committee. One new board member is needed. Please send any suggestions to Grant. Nominations for the board will be presented in April and voted on by the general membership in May.
2. Heather White will assume the role of Corresponding Secretary for next year. Mary Forrestal will assume the role of Recording Secretary for next year.

G. Other Committee Reports: None

H. Other Board Member Reports: None

IX. Adjournment: 7:58

February 25, 2020 Education Committee Report

Nature Bowl

Planning

- The planning team (Bill Bianco, Gesna Clarke, Sue Darst and Cathie Lazier) is in the process of confirming volunteer assignments and other tasks for March 31 semi-finals at Camp Pollock.
- Five schools are registered at Camp Pollock: Theodore Judah, David Lubin, California Montessori Project, St. James Catholic, and Westlake Charter. The schools have a combined total of 9 teams registered as lower or upper division teams.
- 2020 registration is down at Yolo Basin, Camp Pollock and Nimbus.
- Much has to do with long time coaches stepping down or others with children who move on to other schools, and no succession plans are in place.
- DFW asked Yolo to cancel semi-finals at that site. Camp Pollock was able to pick St. James Catholic Schools as a result.
- Contact Bill or Cathie if you would like to volunteer a full or half day at the March 31 semi-finals.

Extended Workshop

- A successful extended coach workshop was held at Camp Pollock, Saturday, Feb 1. 7 coaches attended from Camp Pollock, Nimbus Hatchery, and Community Memorial Museum of Sutter.

Environmental Education Programs

Field Trips

SAS has coordinated three field trips to date: Cosumnes River Preserve, Yolo Wildlife Bypass Area and most recently Putuh Creek (Friday, February 21). Attendance has been much lower this year than in previous years. The first two trips averaged 2-3 attendees; however, the Feb 21 trip to Putuh Creek showed a marked increase in the number of attendees, up to 7. The next field trip is April 17, EYNC.

Classroom Session

Sheila Green arrived at John Muir Charter School on February 14 to discover only 2 students in the classroom. There was a campus-wide health fair with food and prizes starting at the same time as her presentation, and SRCC did not inform SAS. Sheila delayed the presentation by a half an hour and, still, only two students came by. By the time she finished, two more students dropped in. Hopefully this may be avoided in the future. The next classroom session is March 13.

Bushy Lake Restoration Project

- See page 7, March issue of The Observer. SAS member Dan Williams is currently working with two CSUS student interns on bird monitoring and surveying. He is also training a student intern who will work with him this summer.
- Board members and officers are invited to attend a May 2 fieldtrip to Bushy Lake. Learn more about the restoration project, and observe the work Dan and the student interns are doing.

Girl Scout Troop Birding Walk and Talk

A girl scout leader in the Folsom area reached out to SAS for help to provide her troop a learning experience about birds. Mary Forrestal volunteered to help. Mary worked with the troop leader to coordinate a walk and talk on February 27, 3pm at Cohn Park in Folsom.

California Montessori Project (CMP) Birding Club

SAS is committed to supporting CMP's bird club by providing resources and support as requested. SAS donated several books and resource guides and other material – AND will continue to offer suggestions for the club's monthly field trips. Upon SAS suggestion, the club members and their families visited CRP for Ducks in Scopes, Saturday, February 16. Cathie Lazier reports between 35-40 showed up.

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Website Committee Report

Content edits are still in progress. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 29. Cathie Lazier and Sharon Wisecarver will join the committee to review current progress on the test site and discuss online newsletter formatting and fieldtrip content uploads to Square Space.