

MINUTES (APPROVED)
Sacramento Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Date/Time: April 28, 2020; 6:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes. Begin at 6:34 pm.

- A. Roll Call:
 - 1. Board members present: Jane, Mary, Bill, Harriett, Daphne, Grant, Diana, Gesna, Elliot, Heather
 - 2. Board members absent: None
- B. Approval of Minutes (March 2020): Approved unanimously.

II. Guests / Public Comment: None

III. Presentations: None

IV. President and Treasurer Reports

- A. President (Bill): [8].
 - 1. Bill got some cat info from American Bird Conservancy. He'll send it around. Daphne is working on a policy; she'll bring something to the next meeting.
- B. Treasurer (Harriet): [8]
 - 1. Sent out income statement via email.

V. Old Business

- A. None

VI. New Business

- A. Tricolored blackbird conservation [8]
 - a. Dan A. sent an email to Bill about a colony site near Prairie City SVRA. Could this land be picked up as mitigation through the South Sac HCP? Elliot will discuss this with Sean Wirth at the next Habitat 2020 meeting. He'll let us know.
 - b. Bill suggests that we may want to write a letter of support later or provide some monetary support. For now, we're just staying aware of it.
- B. Bobelaine sign [5]
 - . Bill sent out email regarding sign about dogs. Got comments from Elliot and Daphne. Bill is thinking an 18" x 12" sign. He'll consider the size of the letters and its visibility. Bill will email us once he has estimates and we can approve/disapprove by email.
- C. Budget
 - . Harriet reviewed the budget. Motion to approve the 20/21 budget (Diana/Mary). Passed unanimously.
- D.

VII. Other Officer Reports

- A. Corresponding Secretary (Diana): [5]
 - 1. Nothing except that now she's out of stationery. Elliot and Diana will talk about what needs to happen to get more stationery.
- B. Other Officers (if anything to report): None

VIII. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Membership (Jane) [10]:
 - 1. She sent email to us. What to do when companies become members of SAS. Should we put their names in the Observer, especially if they are organization names? Discussion. Ultimately, we're okay with putting them in the Observer.
- B. Education (Gesna) [8]:
 - 1. See Gesna's report by email. She'd like to amend the report to include her proposal to do an Observer feature article that focuses on a board member.
 - 2. List of resources for kids and adults sheltering in place because of Covid. We gave some resources to CDFW Nature Bowl. They're coming up with a curriculum for kids stuck at home.
 - 3. Coronavirus: education committee members gave their points of view on certain questions. Like "how am I managing my life in this new weird world."
- C. Website (Gesna) [5]:
 - 1. See Gesna's report by email. John can now pay more attention to our project. Gesna has access to the test website now and she'll check it out.
 - 2. Mary has offered to help out. She'll work with John directly to find out what she can do to help out.
 - 3. Committee needs to meet. Want to present to the board on May 26th. Still on track to meet July 1 deadline for going live with website.
- D. Conservation (Elliot) [5]:
 - 1. Nothing to add. Hab 2020 didn't meet last month because of Covid. He's not sure if they'll meet next week.
- E. Outreach (Bill) [3]: All events are cancelled through Harvest Day (Aug).
- F. Nominating (Grant) [8]: Still have 2 positions that need to be filled. Grant wants suggestions from us for people. Cathie Lazier gave Grant a few names and he'll check with them.
- G. Other Committee Reports (if any): Bill has been cleaning up around Bobelaine. Doesn't get too many visitors.
- H. Board Member Reports (if any): Jane is wondering if she can send a hard copy BDOG request to people for whom she doesn't have emails. It would be 113 people. We're okay with it.

IX. Adjournment: 7:44

Report to Board

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Education Committee Update

Refer to the May Observer for an education committee article and links to resources. The resources are for kids and adults sheltered at home during the current coronavirus crisis. The full list is posted on the website.

Beginning in June and running through October the committee will feature a section in the Observer called *Reflections*. Each month, a committee member will submit a paragraph or two which responds to one of the following suggested questions- OR, the member may come up with their own question:

- What role has the Audubon Society played in helping me cope during the present pandemic?
- What is one important lesson have I learned while sheltered at home over the past several weeks?
- What favorite birding or nature related activity do I want to share with others? Explain

Hopefully this will encourage responses from others, which will be posted in the newsletter...

Website Committee Update

- John Harding has resumed his work on the SAS website and will consult with other committee members for input, as needed
- John will work with Bill to purchase an annual *Basic Business* subscription to SquareSpace; this will enable others to access the site.
- Elliot will get John a copy of the updated (board approved) logo in a format that is scalable (JPEG or PNP file)
- Mary Forrestal has offered to help out with the website project, as needed.

- Committee members will convene via video conferencing the week of May 17 to review and discuss current site updates; changes or additions will be made, if needed.
- John will present the updated website to members at the May 28 board meeting for possible approval – pending any requested revisions***
- The website will go live by July 1 – unless there is an unexpected delay. If so, Wendy Money agreed to continue as webmaster a while longer.

*Note*** A summary of key elements requested for the new site is attached.*