

## **Minutes [APPROVED]**

### **Sacramento Audubon Society**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Date / Time: April 26, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes
  - A. Call to Order 6:30 pm
  - B. Roll Call
    1. Board Members Present: Bill Bianco, Harriet Saeck, Nancy Gronert, Mary Forrestal, Jane Van Kessel, Paul Miller, Anthony Asay
    2. Board Members Absent: Eric Johnson, Daphne Reimer
  - C. Approval of Minutes (March 2022) approved by consensus
- II. Guests / Public Comments: NA
- III. Presentations: NA
- IV. Officer Reports
  - A. President
    1. Received a thank you letter from Sacramento Valley Conservancy.
    2. The Central Valley Bird Club symposium will be held in person this year. More information should be forthcoming.
    3. On April 11, 2022, the board approved via email the revised COVID-19 Protocols submitted by the Field Activities Committee.
  - B. Treasurer:
    1. Income statement submitted for Board review.
    2. Test lapel pin sale on the website should come through on the next Stripe report. Once test sale is confirmed, we can begin selling pins on the website.
  - C. Other Officers: None
- V. Old Business
  - A. SAS email options
    1. Background: As of April 23, all blind email addresses stop working. As an immediate work around, the blind emails were removed from the website. Personal and SAS gmail accounts were substituted.
    2. Board determined Gmail accounts should be set up for all board members and committee leaders. These will be assigned to the position not the individual holding the position. Passwords and account information should be made available to all board members.
    3. Need to determine
      - a. Standardized format for emails
      - b. Emails to be created
      - c. Procedures for creating, maintaining, and using emails
    4. Blind emails used in other materials: The Observer, Constant Contact, etc. should be changed to position specific Gmail emails.
  - B. List of duties not in Committee and Officer Descriptions: Harriet has received lists from Bill and Mary. Please send a list of the tasks you do to Harriet.
  - C. Spending Ideas - Business Cards: Heather has submitted a design. Bill will forward to Board for review and discussion.

## VI. New Business

- A. Chalk It Up 2022
  - 1. Motion to sponsor a Double Square for \$425 at Chalk It Up 2022. (Nancy 1<sup>st</sup>, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>) Approved unanimously.
  - 2. Bill will send out a request for input related to artwork preference, theme, etc.
- B. Birdability Sponsorship – New Jersey World Series of Birding
  - 1. Birdability is raising money to send representative to the World Series of Birding in New Jersey.
  - 2. Birdability has been instrumental in helping SAS set-up our Accessible Birding Program. Raising awareness on a National Level, raises awareness locally.
  - 3. Motion to contribute \$500 to the Birdability World Series of Birding. (Paul 1<sup>st</sup>, Jane 2<sup>nd</sup>) Approved unanimously.
- C. Effie Yeaw Nature Center Grant Request
  - 1. Effie Yeaw Nature Center has submitted a grant request for \$1500. These funds will be used to purchase new field guides, binoculars, and monoculars.
  - 2. Motion to approve the grant of \$1500 for Effie Yeaw Nature Center for the purchase of new field guides, binoculars, and monoculars. (Nancy 1<sup>st</sup>, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>) Approved unanimously.
- D. Field Activities Committee – Mission and Protocols
  - 1. The Field Activities Committee has additional changes to make to these documents, request that the board review at a later date.
  - 2. Recommendation to rework the following sentence with stronger language indicating that any informal trip announced on the SAS Facebook page by an approved trip leader is “an officially sanctioned SAS field trip.”

*In addition to these formally scheduled trips, field trip leaders who are on the approved trip leaders list are welcome to announce informal trips on the SAS Facebook page.*
  - 3. Field Activities is looking for a volunteer to actively monitor the SAS Facebook group for any informal trips. This monitor would confirm that any informal trips announced are being offered by an approved leader and remove any field trips offered by a non-approved leader. Nancy is willing to be the monitor.

## VII. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Membership - Numbers from Jane’s email to the Board on April 13, 2022.
  - 1. There are currently 682 dues-paying SAS Members. 409 of these are receiving e-newsletters. There were 9 new SAS members this month and 4 previously inactive members sent in dues. 12 SAS members were made inactive this month (1 member moved away, 2 passed away, and 9 had not paid their dues)
  - 2. There are 2,749 NAS members that live in our chapter area. There were 14 new NAS members this month that live in our chapter area.
- B. Education: Presentations are returning with 2 senior home presentations scheduled in May and another in July.
- C. Website: Primarily working on the changing structure of field trips. Additionally Beginning Birder Field Trips are now featured on the Beginning Birder Resources page as well as the Field Trip page and Family Friendly Field Trips are featured on the Family Resources page as well as the Field Trips page.
- D. Conservation
  - 1. Next ECOS / Habitat 2020 meeting is Monday, May 2.
  - 2. Bill and Paul will be attending the Environmentalists’ Spring Social on April 30, 2022
- E. Outreach (Bill)
  - 1. Sierra College Dinosaur Days is May 1, 2022. SAS will have an outreach table.
  - 2. Harvest Day 2022 with the UCCE Master Gardeners is August 6, 2022.
- F. Accessibility: Accessibility birding trips continue.

- G. Bobelaine: California Audubon is visiting Bobelaine on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Are there concerns about parking?
- H. Other Committee Reports (if any)
  - 1. Monthly Speaker: Anthony will be the Zoom host for the May Meeting. Mary and Anthony will conference to make sure Anthony has everything he needs.
  - 2. A protocol or policy for approving articles submitted for publication in *The Observer* needs to be written.
  - 3. Updated P&Ps were emailed to all Board members on April 26, 2022. Please review and send any changes to Nancy.
- I. Board Member Reports (if any): None

VIII. Adjournment 7:51 pm