

## MEETING MINUTES

### Sacramento Audubon Society Board of Directors Meeting

Date / Time: August 29, 2023 @

6:30 pm Location: Virtual

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes
  - A. Roll Call  
Present: Taylor, Eric, Paul, Bill, Susan, Nancy, Harriet, Joanne
  - B. Approval of Minutes (May 2023)
  
- II. Guests / Public Comments: N/A
  
- III. Presentations: N/A
  
- IV. Officer Reports
  - A. President
    1. Resignation of Bill Weaver accepted.
      - a) Suggestion to update bylaws re: Conflict of Interest and ensure it has procedure to vote out a board member.
    2. Name Change: Mary sent results. 40% long-term active members approved.
      - a) Susan asked of article re: name change should be published in November – yes
    3. Fall Festival: Bill motioned to sponsor \$500 (Paul 1<sup>st</sup> and Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous agree); Bill will complete application.
    4. Daphne, past VP, brought cookies to meetings. Discussed getting rotating volunteers. Susan suggested asking for volunteers in Observer. Hospitality chair duties refer to it that costs are reimbursable.
    5. Central Valley Birding Symposium Sponsorship: Paul made amended motion to give \$1000 this year (Paul 1<sup>st</sup>, Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous agree).
  - B. Treasurer presented report<sup>1</sup>.
  - C. Other Officers
  
- V. Old Business
  - A. Constant Contact - Board Access Needed for President.
  - B. Big Day of Giving starts in December, Chair Needed, Paul will send out job description.
  
- VI. New Business
  - A. NatureFest 2023 Sponsorship Application (due 9/7/23) gave \$500 in. August last year. Paul motion to give \$500 this year (Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>), unanimous agree.
  
  - B. Name Change Survey Results-see report\*

VII. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Field Activities: Susan presented her report<sup>1</sup>. Also said she received request to use illustration from an old Bobelaine brochure. The artist would give her information to get permission.
- B. Education: Bill presented his report.<sup>1</sup>
  - C. Conservation: Request on website for a chair. Sierra Club maybe put something in their newsletter re a chair. Also, Pacific Flying: should something be on website? Paul will gather information on it.
- D. Accessibility: Paul found Sierra Discovery Park and will lead trip there. Also, Paul as birdability captain is making major strides
- E. Bobelaine: Paul suggested reimbursement for mileage for Bobelaine volunteer travel as incentive. Harriet stated general fund has money, but Bobelaine fund doesn't. Discussion held including speculation that perhaps Bobelaine shouldn't be 100% volunteer run. Long-term plan would be to get plans to manage sanctuary and use that money for mileage reimbursement.

Further discussion concerning two large machines that will need replacement and how that would be funded, as well as needing a committee for this fiscal year to decide what to do about Bobelaine.

Paul and Bill discussed getting money donated from National. Paul updated 5-year plan and came up with a 1-year plan, but it's not final yet.

Bill present report.<sup>1</sup> Paul sent bird panel to Maureen, and she had feedback. Will resend to committee.

- F. Monthly Speaker: Will be Anthony. Trying to get speakers lines p for future with hospitality tables and sale items.
- G. Other Committee Reports (if any)
- H. Board Member Reports (if any)

VIII. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup>see report in Google drive folder for meeting