



SACRAMENTO
AUDUBON SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes - AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 30th @ 6:30

Location: Virtual

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes (Month & Year)

**II. Guests / Public Comments:
Nicole Barden**

III. Presentations:

IV. Officer Reports

- A. President
- B. Treasurer
- C. Other Officers

V. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Membership (Jane) - see report
- B. Education (Bill B.) - see report
- C. Website (Mary) - see report
- D. Conservation (Cliff)
 - Cliff is working on developing monthly surveys and organization
 - Cliff will be working with Eric on Delta shores ponds
 - SAS signed onto ECOS lawsuit regarding Delta conveyance project
 - Board strongly requests a formal process of signing onto lawsuits
- E. eField Trips (Susan) - see report
 - Susan announced that SAS will be conducting trips for Napa & Sonoma chapters
- F. Accessibility (Paul) - nothing
- G. Bobelaine (Bill B.) - see report

Side channel project meeting

Tribe contact

- H. Monthly Speaker (Anthony)
 - Anthony will be requesting Board to approve purchase of mic for meetings
- I. Other Committee Reports
- J. Other Board Member Reports

VI. Adjournment



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OFFICER/DIRECTOR/CHAIR REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 30th 2024 @ 6:30

Location: Virtual

President's Report - with minutes

A. Name Change

I attended the second of two statewide chapter meeting last week regarding the name change issue. The idea of collaboratively sending a letter to National Audubon requesting them to reconsider their decision to keep the name Audubon was abandoned. It was discussed that a potential reason that National Audubon did not change their name was based upon the possibility of losing significant donors who were apposed to the idea. So for now it looks like National will retain the name Audubon.

On the meeting we discussed the power of individual chapters using a common name. Currently the following on a national basis have decided to use the term "Bird Alliance"

- Badgerland (Madison)
- Chicago
- Golden Gate
- Detroit
- Lawrence
- Tahoma
- Grand Priage
- Mount Diablo

In addition New York, San Diego, Altacal, and Yolo chapters are also leaning towards "bird alliance". The more chapters with a similar name, the stronger the alliance. With the AOS announcing their decision to rename over 100 bird common names, the momentum might make National Audubon change their mind.

The following would be required should we decide to change our name:

- Change name of non-profit (doing business as)
- Update banking and insurance information
- Change logo text
- Update website URL
- Update website with new name
- Create new Google emails and drive
- Change Facebook accounts
- Change Instagram accounts

Motion for the Board

Motion: None

Discussion:

The Board is in favor of moving forward with the process of officially changing the name of Sacramento Audubon Society to Sacramento Birding Alliance. It was agreed that having a common name is critically important. The next steps will be to reach out to our members via an article in the Observer discussing the importance of a common name and letting the members know that "Bird Alliance" appears at this time to be that common name. The Board also recommends that the idea, reason and process (including time frame) of changing our name be fully explained to all Committee members. We will then ask our members to vote on the change at the same time as voting for Board members in May.

B. Board Changes

Joanne Prakapas has stepped down from the Recording Secretary position due to health reasons. Harriet Saeck will be stepping down as Treasurer after many years of service. Eric Johnson has graciously agreed to take on the Treasurer position. He will be acting as the interim Treasurer until our member voting in May/June.

Until we find a new Recording Secretary I would like everyone who has an agenda item and/or motion to submit a report like this showing the Board voting and related discussion. I will then combine these with the agenda to create the meeting minutes.

We will have Nicole Barden joining the meeting. She is interested in joining the Board. See attached statement of interest and bio.

C. Outreach Committee

This is just a discussion item. I would like to consider the creation of an Outreach Committee with the overarching goal streamline our outreach work. Right now the Website Committee does too much in my opinion. Mary has her hands full and I'm worried about burnout. I see the Outreach Committee responsibilities being as follows:

- Maintain website
- Create monthly Observer newsletter
- Create Facebook posts
- Create Instagram posts
- Send out member outreach emails
- Send out new member promotion emails

Discussion:

Paul will create a detailed organization chart including work task and hours for all SAS volunteers.

D. Purchasing Name Badges

Currently Mary Forrestal is tasked with ordering new name badges. She would like to find a replacement person. Any takers?

Motion and Voting										
	Officers					Chairs/Directors				
	President	Vice President	Treasurer	Recording Secretary	Corresponding Secretary	Event Coordinator Chair	Conservation Chair	Director	Field Activities Chair	Past President
	Paul Miller	Eric Johnson	Harriet Saeck	Vacant	Nancy Gronert	Anthony Assay	Cliff Feldheim	Taylor Florance	Susan Goodrich	Bill Bianco
Second									X	
Vote	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

G. Sac City College Binocular Donation

Kristyn Schulte adjunct professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Sacramento City College is requesting a donation of binoculars for their Ornithology class.

Motion for the Board

Motion: I motion that we donate 10 pair of Celestron Nature DX binoculars costing roughly \$1,200 to the Sacramento City College Department of Biological Sciences.

Board Vote {to be completed during or after meeting} Nancy passed

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Motion	X									
Second					X					
Vote	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Discussion:

Paul will purchase and submit for reimbursement.

H. Big Day of Giving - Matching Funds

This item is for discussion only. This year I am handling the Big Day of Giving responsibilities. As I get more educated on the process the idea of matching funds is very important. Matching funds is where we find donors that are willing to match individual contributions up to a given amount. Any ideas on who I should be taking to? I

was thinking the following:

- Local Health Networks - health benefits related to birding in nature
- REI - more people who bird, the more gear they can sell
- Camera and optics companies

Discussion:

Board recommended other sporting goods stores and Wild Birds.

I. Treasurer Report

Motion:

Harriet made a motion to have the Treasurer duties transferred to Eric, Susan seconded and it passed.



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FIELD ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 30, 2024

Location: Virtual

FAC Report

Field Activities Committee 2023 Year-end review S. Goodrich

Field Trips

Trips: Total for 11 months = 107, ave. 9 trips/month
+9 Beg Birder trips +9 EY Family Friendly

Attendance for 11 months: 983, for 89.4 peeps/month, for 9.3 people/trip

Locations: varied, from local to distant, refuges, Sierras, Bay area
new sites - Morgan Oaks; Brannon Island; boat trip (gateways to Delta trips)

Field Trip Leaders:

Lost: 3

Gained 3 in 2022

Gained 13 in 2023 (many part-time)

Field Activities Committee

New FAC Members: Two in 2022, one in 2023

Website: our own page for forms

Forms: updated; examples on website

Celebrations: SAS volunteer party at EY; FT leader party at Richard's

Other

-Assisted others with trips

-Most leaders now have name tags and pins

-Paul made business cards for handing out

Future Goals

-list of Classic/Seasonal Trips

-vary types of trips? Birdsits? Other?

-summer party for field trip leaders

Motion for the Board

Motion: NONE

Motion and Voting										
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Motion										
Second										
Vote										

Discussion:



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
{Meeting: 1/30/24, 6:30pm}

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Bobelaine Committee Report

A. Bobelaine Committee Report

{add information about this item}

Motion for the Board (None)

Motion: {add detailed motion for Board vote} Board Vote *{to be completed during or after meeting}*

Motion and Voting										
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Motion										
Second										
Vote										

Discussion *{to be completed during or after meeting}*:

Last Bobelaine committee meeting was 11/15/23

1. Kiosk Status.

All is complete except the fourth panel information. John Williams is in contact with Native Americans for support data for the panel.

2. Feather River Restoration Project.

River Partners has set kickoff meeting for the project on 1/29/24, 3pm via zoom.

3. Monitoring Camera.

Installation is complete. One camera needs position correction made to program. Security signs (2) are posted for public awareness.

4. Refuge Status.

A. All trails are open, mowing is minimal at present. Trimming of trails and invasive plant

removal is on going.

B. Otter trail. Rerouting of trail where large oak fell was completed on 1/19/24.

C. Current 2024 donations \$41.00. Total 2023 donations was \$97.25.

5. Other Items.

A. Entrance truck grate under review.

B. Chapter received a commercial lawn and garden voucher (\$700) from Feather River Air Quality Management District. Voucher is for replacing the gas powered trimmer with an electric (battery) powered trimmer. Required to turn over gas trimmer at time of purchase.

The Nakida model I look at was priced at \$670 plus tax. Voucher expires on 2/26/24.