

Minutes [Approved]

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

Date / Time: October 25, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes
 - A. Call to Order 6:35 pm
 - B. Roll Call
 1. Board Members Present: Paul Miller, Harriet Saeck, Nancy Gronert, Mary Forrestal, Jane Van Kessel, Anthony Asay, Susan Goodrich, Bill Bianco, Taylor Florence, Bill Weaver
 2. Board Members Absent: Eric Johnson
 - C. Approval of Minutes (September 2022) approved by consensus
- II. Guests / Public Comments: None
- III. Presentations: None
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 1. Storage Unit: Paul will investigate the cost and options of renting storage.
 2. Wildlife Care Directory on Website: Email request received to add link to the website for a specific third party Wildlife Care Directory. Information currently on the website appears sufficient. No need to add the link at this time.
 3. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Policy change for Committee Chairs who also serve on the board, all committee reports should be submitted in writing prior to the board meeting.
 - b. A folder for each month's meeting will be set up on Google drive, all documents for the board meeting should be added to the shared folder for that month on the Google drive.
 - B. Treasurer
 1. Income Statement
 - a. Grants / Donations / Dues: \$500 for printing Birding 101 booklet approved at the September 2022 board meeting. Still awaiting addresses to send checks for the other two items approved at the September meeting.
 - b. Education & Outreach Expense: \$2500 has been spent on the Nature in the Classroom program
 - c. Officer Expense: Reflects the expenses for new nametags and the Volunteer Appreciation party.
 - d. Computer and Internet: renewed subscription with Constant Contact
 2. Wells Fargo Checking Account: Paul Miller is now a signer on the checking account. Bill Bianco has been removed from the account as a signer.
 3. CD Investment: US Bank has received all the necessary documents. We are awaiting approval from the bank to make the investment.

- C. Recording Secretary: On September 30 via email the board approved a motion to purchase new nametags for 47 Sacramento Audubon Volunteers for \$545. (Mary Forrestal 1st, Anthony Asay 2nd) approved by majority.

V. Old Business

- A. SAS Volunteer Thank You Event – Thursday, October 27: Up to 35 volunteers attending. Food has been ordered and there will be plenty. Eric is purchasing the wine. Paul will have a visual presentation. Taylor is in charge of background music. Daphne is unable to attend due to a broken leg. Harriet will deliver left over food and thank you gift to Daphne after the event.
- B. Business Cards: Paul will email updated card for review.
- C. Spending Ideas
 - 1. Donation Boxes at Bobelaine, similar to those at Effie Yeaw. The Bobelaine Committee will investigate this idea.
 - 2. Lights Out Sacramento: Eric Johnson is currently working on this project with California Audubon. Susan Goodrich and Bill Weaver will also explore various avenues related to this project.

VI. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Membership - Numbers from Jane's email to the Board on October 12, 2022
 - 1. There are 653 dues-paying SAS members. 400 of these members are receiving e-newsletters. There were 3 new SAS members this month and 3 inactive members came back. 15 SAS members were made inactive this month because they hadn't paid their dues.
 - 2. There are 2,458 NAS members that live in our chapter area. There were 23 new NAS members this month that live in our chapter area.
- B. Education
 - 1. Sacramento Audubon is again working with Effie Yeaw on monthly family friendly walks. Sue Darst is coordinating this effort.
 - 2. Homeschool Field Trip at Bobelaine on November 4.
- C. Website
 - 1. Historic Calendar
 - a. Create a record of events sponsored, promoted, and attended prior to COVID. Goal is to ensure that events are not missed. All events and items posted to the website are shared with the Observer editor.
 - b. Bill Bianco will review for Outreach events that were attending for multiple years. Harriet Saek will provide list of sponsorships for 2015-2018. Nancy Gronert will review Facebook for past events that were promoted.
 - 2. Updating 2009 Sacramento Area Birds Checklist: This will be a lengthy process, primarily using eBird data with assistance from Chris Conard and other experts. Please email sacramentoaudubon@gmail.com if you wish to participate in this process or for more details on how the checklist will be updated.
- D. Conservation
 - 1. With the goal of developing a conservation priorities plan for Sacramento Audubon, Bill Weaver has reached out to other Audubon organizations investigating how they prioritize projects. Generally, these groups are following National and State Audubon programs.
 - 2. ECOS current projects include opposing Measure A on the ballot, the Blue Oak Solar project, and working with Sacramento Parks to develop a conservation plan for parks.
- E. Field Trips
 - 1. In October SAS had 11 field trips. Currently 7 are scheduled for November avoiding the dates of the Central Valley Birding Symposium. 6 trips are scheduled for December plus the Christmas Counts.

2. Review of SAS COVID Policy for Field Trip: Field Activities Committee received an email from a member who is not vaccinated inquiring as to the status of our COVID policy. Board consensus to maintain policy as stated:

COVID - 19 Protocols

- Some trips may require advance registration. Click on the photo or title of the field trip to learn more about the field trip and its registration requirements.
- All participants, including children 5 and up and field trip leaders, must be vaccinated.
- Additional restrictions may be required, such as proof of vaccine or face masks. It varies with each field trip. Please read the description of the field trip carefully. Do not register for a field trip if you are unwilling to comply with the stated COVID precautions.

F. Outreach: Next outreach event is the Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival, Nov. 4 – 6.

G. Accessibility

1. Working on updates for webpage, including accessibility review of UC Davis Arboretum
2. December 10, Mindful Birding Field Trip in collaboration with Jonelle Mason from UC Davis Project Learning Tree

H. Bobelaine

1. Painting progressing, with 2 sides of the shed complete and continuing work being done on roof.
2. Thursday, October 27, Davey Tree will be on property.
3. Friday, October 28 is a workday with volunteer John Williams, focused on removing invasive plants. Bill will provide a list of future Friday workdays to be posted on the website asking for volunteers with the caveat that volunteers should contact Bill to confirm the schedule has not changed.

I. Monthly Speaker (Anthony)

1. Over 90 people attended the October Monthly Speaker program.
2. The November Speaker is Richard Cimino presenting *Birds of Belize*

J. Other Committee Reports: None

K. Board Member Reports: Tax return is being prepared, Harriet requests reviewers for the Summary statement. Jane, Mary and Paul will review. This information is also used on the by the Big Day of Giving. The Big Day of Giving is in May and the President's Statement needs to be updated.

VII. Adjournment 8:03 pm