



SACRAMENTO  
AUDUBON SOCIETY

# AGENDA & Minutes

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 27 6:30  
Location: Virtual

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

- A. Roll Call (*Anthony Assay and Cliff Feldheim not present*)
- B. Approval of Minutes (January 30th, 2024) - (*approved by all members present*)

II. **Guests / Public Comments:**

- *Nicole Barden joined the meeting and expressed an interest to be a Director on the the Board. The Board members presented voted unanimously to add Nicole as a Director. Membership vote for her position will occur in May.*

III. **Presentations:**

IV. **Officer Reports**

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

V. **Committee Chair and Board Member Reports**

- A. Membership (Jane)
- B. Education (Bill B.)
- C. Website (Mary)
- D. Conservation (Cliff)
- E. Field Trips (Susan)
- F. Accessibility (Paul)
- G. Bobelaine (Bill B.)
- H. Monthly Speaker (Anthony)
- I. Other Committee Reports
- J. Board Member Reports

VI. **Adjournment**



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## President's Report with Meeting Minutes

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### A. Name Change

Since the last Board meeting volunteers have been sent an email regarding the Board's decision to move forward with changing our name to Sacramento Bird Alliance. Mary Forrestal responded to the email indicating the enormous amount of work that will be required to update our website. This work should not fall on Mary to complete! I have been looking for a local website contractor but so far have not found one. If we cannot find a local company then I will start looking for one outside of Sacramento that would be interested in taking on the job.

Our next step on the name change will be to have a volunteer Zoom meeting to vet all concerns and plan out all the task necessary. Mary will be back in the Country this week, so I am planning on scheduling the Zoom meeting during the week of March 4th. If all goes well we can write an article for the April Observer and survey our members in May.

*Board Discussion: The Board believes it is best to wait a few months before taking the next steps on the name change. Paul will reach out to John Harding and possibly a website contractor to determine what exactly would be required to update our website. He will also reach out to Mary and Marti to see if they would be interested in being financially compensated for their efforts to update the website.*

### B. Meeting with Yolo Bypass Foundation

Cliff Feldheim and I attended a meeting with the Yolo Bypass Foundation, CDFW, and Yolo Audubon Society. Garrett Spaan, the new Yolo Basin director provided information about upcoming improvements including roadway and signage improvements. The Yolo Basin Foundation received a grant for a portion of these improvements along with upgrades to their facilities, including a mobile learning trailer. Both Yolo Audubon Society and SAS will have the opportunity to comment and review improvements as they relate to bird watching and conservation.



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# FIELD ACTIVITIES CHAIR REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 27, 2024

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## Board Meeting Minutes

### Field Trips

January field trips: 10

February Field Trips: 11 +1 cancelled due to weather

Delta Cruise - big success; will schedule again next year, 3rd Sat in February (15th); **Eric to contact Sonja Sorbo about payment to Dolphin Charters**

### Field Trip Leaders:

Gained one

### Field Activities Committee

Discussion and vote of new wording to *replace* COVID vaccination wording. Present wording: “All trip leaders and participants, including children 5 and up, must be vaccinated against COVID 19.”

**Motion for the Board - YES, must be approved by Board.**

**Motion: Adopt new Health Wording for Field Trip Announcements:**

**“Please help ensure the safety and well-being of all by not attending a field trip if you are sick.”**

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
<b>Motion</b>					YES					
<b>Second</b>	YES									
<b>Vote</b>	YES	YES			YES			YES	YES	YES

Motion moved, seconded and APPROVED.



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# OFFICER/DIRECTOR/CHAIR REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

{ 2/27/24 }

Location: Virtual

## Bobelaine Committee Report

### A. Bobelaine Committee Report

Last committee meeting was 2/13/24

#### Motion for the Board

Motion to have Taylor meet with Lloyd Batham to discuss and persuade Lloyd to remove tread plate. Present reasons why and suggest that a lawsuit as possible final resort.

Motion and Voting										
	Officers					Chairs/Directors				
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Motion										
Second										
Vote										

#### Board vote:

Held off on vote. Eric suggested getting California Audubon on board for meeting with Lloyd Batham on the grate issue.

### 1. Bobelaine Status.

- A. Flooding conditions presently. South forty Trail closed, Center Trail flooded, South Trail partial open. Trail mowing is minimal at present. Trimming of trails and invasive plant removal is on going.
- B. Stray dog following people into sanctuary. Contacted Sutter Co Animal Control and advised them of situation. If we can contain dog they will come and pick it up; or we can take it to them. Dog has tag with owners phone number. Tag has note " I (dog) like to explore the levee alone sometimes". Informed the game warden Dane Frazier of situation. Paul suggested contact with the dog owner prior to contacting Sutter County Animal . Bill to follow up.
- C. Committee discussed idea of purchasing wood chipper. Heavy duty chipper is best, a light duty size not that dependable. Could rent a chipper if had project large enough to justify

cost.

D. Considered use and costs of electric hand shears. Need to check prices.

E. Current 2024 donations \$74.00.

## 2. Restoration Project.

1. River Partners site visit, date not set yet.

2. Bridges and fire truck access is priority items. The design river level is the important information needed from River Partners.



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## Education Committee Report

### A. Education Committee Report

{add information about this item}

#### Motions for the Board

Motion and Voting Item 1. Earth Day Sponsorship										
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<b>Motion</b>										*
<b>Second</b>		*								
<b>Vote</b>	Y	Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y

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

1. Sponsorship request from ECOS for Sacramento Earth Day, 4/21/24 at Southside Park. Last year SAS did \$500 \$500 sponsorship.
2. Sponsorship request from Friends of Stone Lakes for Walk on the Wildside, 5/20/ 24. Last year SAS did \$500 sponsorship.

Motion and Voting Item 2. Walk on the Wildside Sponsorship										
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<b>Motion</b>										*
<b>Second</b>	*									
<b>Vote</b>	Y	Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y

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

Last education committee meeting was 2/ 6/24

**1. Family Nature Walks, Effie Yeaw.**

Scheduled dates 4/20/24 (Cliff) & 5/19/24 (Cliff). Start times 10:30am.

**3. Beginning Birding.**

Larry Hickey, coordinator. All trips are at William Pond. Dates are: 3/17/24, & 4/14/24.

**4. Presentations.**

A. Two birding walks for Putah Creek Council. Cliff will be coordinating with Brenda Brinkhouse-Hatch. Date is March 23rd. Bill to check what Putah Creek does and if they have nest boxes at Putah Creek.

B. Junior Ecologists Club at Carmichael Elementary School is requesting a guest speaker to visit the club and educate them on local bird species. Angela Nicholas, teacher at Carmichael Elementary School is the contact person. Cliff will be coordinating with Angela on the date, some time this spring.

C. Regency at Folsom Ranch is requesting a bird walk leader to lead a walk at Lema Ranch trail either April or May. Community Director shall contact SAS for coordination. Cliff volunteered for this.

D. Sacramento Native Plant Society has their annual Garden Tours 4/27/24. Marla McClaren requested two experienced bird guides for her garden tour on 4/27. Ann Burris and Rachael Cowan volunteered.

**5. Outreach Events.**

A. ECOS Earth Day, Southside Park, 4/21/24. Sent application for table space.

B. California Duck Days, 4/27/24. Yolo Bypass Headquarters. Requested exhibitors application but have not received yet.

C. Walk on the Wildside, Beach Lake Park, 5/20/24. 10am to. 4pm.

**6. Effie Yeaw Bird and Breakfast**

Jacqueline Ramirez sent information and request for bird guides and scope monitors for the two event days. Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 24.

Also, seeking volunteers to scout trails several weeks prior for bird activity, such as nest building, brooding or feeding activity.

Need to get from Jacqueline a report of how many leaders and monitors she has signed up for the two events.

**7. Next meeting Tuesday, March 12, 10:30am at Mather Park.**

**Other Items.**

Bill received the information from Harriet on the Nature in the Classroom program. Bill will check with Rachael Greve at Effie Yeaw on the status of the program.