

Minutes (APPROVED)

Sacramento Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting

Date / Time: September 27, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Approval of Minutes
 - A. Call to Order 6:34 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, Eric Johnson
 2. Board Members Absent: Taylor Florence, Bill Weaver
 - C. Approval of Minutes (August 2022) approved by consensus
- II. Guests / Public Comments: None
- III. Presentations: None
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 1. Environmental Theater
 - a. In October 2019, SAS board approved a \$500 sponsorship of this program. The program did not move forward due to the COVID pandemic.
 - b. Motion to sponsor production of *Enora and the Black Crane* for \$500. (Paul 1st, Susan 2nd) Approved unanimously.
 2. American River Natural History Association (ARNHA)
 - a. Requesting funding assistance to print updated 14th edition of *The Outdoor World of the Sacramento Area*, a local field guide.
 - b. In the past Sacramento Audubon donated \$500 to ARNHA to help with the printing cost of *150 Frequently Seen Birds of California's Great Valley*.
 - c. Motion to donate \$500 to ARNHA to assist in the printing of the latest edition of *The Outdoor World of the Sacramento Area*. (Paul 1st, Nancy 2nd) Approved unanimously.
 3. Marysville After-School Birding Club
 - a. Requesting donation of binoculars and field guides to support establishment of a birding club in the Marysville Joint Unified School District in Yuba County.
 - b. Introductory binoculars could be purchased for approximately \$125 per pair. REI will offer a 15% discount if the binoculars are purchased through their stores.
 - c. An article could be placed in The Observer, on SAS website, Facebook, and Instagram asking for donations of binoculars and field guides to support the program.
 - d. Paul will follow-up, an article will be placed in The Observer and on SAS's other sites requesting donations. If the donations are not forthcoming will revisit purchasing items for the program.
 4. SAS Tri-fold Brochure
 - a. To be used in place of *Birding in the Sacramento Region* and the Sacramento Area Birds Checklist, both of which are considered out-of-date, at Outreach Events and in local outdoor retailers.

- b. Edits / Corrections: Consider adding “www.” in front of web address. Please send any additional edits or notes to Paul Miller.
 - c. A Spanish language version of the brochure will also be produced. Eric Johnson will get the brochure translated. May involve a nominal fee.
 - d. Motion to print 200 copies of the finalized brochure in English and 100 copies in Spanish. (Paul 1st, Nancy 2nd) Approved unanimously.
5. Birding 101: Motion to approve the reprinting of 200 copies of Birding 101 at \$422 through Cornerstone Copy and Print. (Paul 1st, Jane 2nd) Approved unanimously.
6. Bufferlands Calendar: Motion to sponsor the Bufferlands Calendar at \$500. (Paul 1st, Nancy 2nd) Approved unanimously.

B. Treasurer

1. Financial Statement

- a. Education and Outreach Expense: This expense is for the Nature in the Classroom program. Two schools have accepted SAS’s offer to pay for Nature in the Classroom
 - b. Sponsorships: This expense reflects the sponsorship of The Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival and Effie Yeaw’s Naturefest.
 - c. Bobelaine Expense:
 - (1) On September 5 via email the board approved \$2200 for sandblasting and repainting of the shed’s roof at Bobelaine. (Nancy 1st, Eric 2nd) Approved by a majority of the board.
 - (2) Additional Bobelaine Expense for repairs to the mule.
2. Bank Signatures: Paul Miller as Sacramento Audubon Society Board President Executive will be added as a signatory to the Wells Fargo checking and savings accounts. Please remove William Bianco as a signatory.
3. Investment Proposal: Motion to place \$75,000 in a US Bank 11-month CD with Paul Miller, Sacramento Audubon Society President, and Harriet Saeck, Sacramento Audubon Society Treasurer as signatories. (Nancy 1st, Paul 2nd) Approved unanimously.

C. Other Officers

V. Old Business

A. SAS Volunteer Thank You Event

- 1. To be held Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Appetizers, desserts, beer and wine will be served. Vouchers for parking and 2 drink tickets will be provided. Additional guests are discouraged. Eric Johnson will purchase the beer and wine for the event. Paul will organize the program for the evening. Board members are requested to wear the Sacramento Audubon nametags for the event.
- 2. Motion to purchase 3 birdhouses with custom nameplates for the 3 honorees for \$350. (Paul 1st, Nancy 2nd) Approved unanimously.

B. Business Cards: Add Facebook and Instagram accounts to the card. Paul will submit updated card for review of the board.

C. Procedures for submitting Observer Articles: Question of whether a committee is needed to formalize the process by which The Observer is created and reviewed prior to printing.

D. Spending Ideas: Held over for next month’s meeting

VI. Committee Chair and Board Member Reports

- A. Membership - Numbers from Jane's email to the Board on September 13, 2022
 - 1. This month, there are (once again) 662 dues-paying SAS members or households. 411 of these are receiving e-newsletters. There were 9 new SAS members this month and 9 SAS members were made inactive because they hadn't paid their dues.
 - 2. There are 2,466 NAS members that live in our chapter area. There were 27 new NAS members this month that live in our chapter area. The SAS information/membership form was sent to the 25 who were not already SAS members.
- B. Education: Next meeting scheduled for November 7, 2022.
- C. Website: Next meeting scheduled for October 13, 2022.
- D. Conservation: Continuing to work with Habitat 2020 and the City of Sacramento on removing damage done to the park by unauthorized BMX bike use. City has recently put-up signs discouraging BMX bikes but has not removed the trail created by bike use. A group from Habitat 2020 will be visiting the park to assess the damage and determine next steps.
- E. Field Trips
 - 1. In August SAS offered 9 field trips, in September 7 trips were offered, and in October 13 trips are scheduled.
 - 2. Request to give all field trip leaders a Sacramento Audubon lapel pin and nametag with the new logo at the Thank You Event. Pins have already been expensed and can be given. Mary will find out the cost of the name tags for all event invitees and send information via email to board for approval.
- F. Outreach: Outreach Committee will have a table at NatureFest on October 5 and the Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival on November 5 & 6. Bill has all the volunteers he needs for both of these events.
- G. Accessibility: Birdability Week is October 17-23. Paul would like to host a Birdability event at Cosumnes River Preserve during the week. Birders could be sponsored for each bird they see during the event. Donations would be collected for birdability.org.
- H. Bobelaine
 - 1. Sand blasting is complete, prime is on, and pinholes are filled. Painting of the shed roof will begin on Wednesday, September 28, 2022.
 - 2. Volunteer Workday at Bobelaine on Friday, September 30.
- I. Monthly Speaker: October's monthly speaker is John Trochet. His presentation is on the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. November's speaker has a conflict. Anthony will contact the speaker scheduled for January to see if they can switch to November.
- J. Other Committee Reports: SAS has been contacted about working with Project Learning Tree. Project Learning Tree provides environmental education designed for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with youth from preschool through grade 12.
- K. Board Member Reports: None

VII. Adjournment 8:22pm