

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 8, 2015

Date and Notice: The Board of Directors meeting was held at 6 pm on December 8 (rescheduled from December 1 due to inclement weather), 2015, at The Environmental Center. All meeting dates for 2015 were established by the Board at its meeting on January 31, 2015, and a notice listing all dates was provided to members. An updated agenda for the meeting was provided to the Board by email on December 8, 2015.

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Directors Ken Hashagen, Kevin Smith, Jan Rising, Terri Hyde, Jon Putnam, Ted Groszkiewicz and Sherrie Pierce. Karen Gentry was excused. John Brune and Tom Lawler, Board members-elect, were also in attendance. A quorum was present throughout the Board meeting.

Reports and Discussion:

President Ken Hashagen convened the meeting at 6:00 pm. The November 3, 2015 minutes were approved.

Treasurer Terri Hyde reviewed the financial reports for October delivered electronically to the Board. There were no corrections or questions. She has the credit card and is using it to setup regular payments.

The 2016 Budget document that was presented to the Board for discussion in November was reviewed with some updated information. It was approved with final copies provided in January.

Insurance quotes were presented and reviewed. It was recommended to accept the policy quotes from Lumbermen's Agency with Philadelphia as the company provider. A motion to accept this policy was passed unanimously. Due to liability exposure, a related motion was made to drop The Young Birders Of Central Oregon from the ECAS supported Projects. It was passed unanimously.

Eagle Cam Internet expense submitted by Leslie Lawrence was discussed. This had been previously approved. Terri will issue a check to her. Options for upcoming internet costs for this project will be researched and discussed at the January Retreat.

The Board voted to unanimously accept the results of the November Board elections.

The Youth Program Volunteer Policy was amended to insert "unrelated" in the Policy: paragraph stating "two (unrelated) adult leaders.

A Laughrige Grant Request from The Trumpeter Swan Society for \$1000. was approved.

The Sage-grouse meeting report was heard. The January Birders' Night will be on this topic.

The Annual Event financial report was given as part of the Budget discussion.

A suggested Yahoo Group for Birders was discussed. A presentation with more information may be given at the March meeting.

Up-dated information regarding the Lake Abert situation was discussed.

Information about a Federal legislative issue was reviewed. It was noted that ECAS cannot take action on partisan political requests.

The Annual ECAS January Retreat Planning Meeting will be held January 9, 2016 at Ken's house. The Executive committee will develop an agenda.

President Ken Hashagen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

Actions Taken:

The November minutes were approved unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the proposed 2016 Budget be approved with final copies made available in January.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the Youth Volunteer Program Policy be amended and the word "unrelated" be inserted between the words two and adult in the Policy paragraph.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the insurance quote from Lumbermen's Insurance Agency be accepted for the upcoming policy year for all of the comprehensive sections presented to the Board.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that The Young Birders of Central Oregon be dropped as an ECAS supported project as of December 19, 2015.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that a Laughrige Grant be awarded to The Trumpeter Swan Society in the amount of \$1000 for use as stated in their application.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Approved at the Board meeting of January 9, 2015.

Sherrie Pierce, Secretary