

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 5, 2019

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Diana Roberts, Bob Sizoo, Terri Hyde, Carolyn Rochelle, Garrett Durham, and Gordon Wetzel. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Tom Penpraze was absent.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. The October 1, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

1. Terri shared the budget. Membership is down from last year. The Membership Committee is looking into this. The change in tax laws in 2018 may have caused people to do lifetime memberships. End of year donations usually occur, so membership may increase soon. At the Wild Birds membership drive, there were 18 new members and 9 renewals.
2. Terri shared information from the Grant Committee. She shared proposed changes to the grant making program. The Board unanimously approved these changes. She presented grant proposals for Board approval: \$2,000 grant to the Golden Eagle Foundation, \$2,000 grant to the Trumpeter Swan Society. Both grants were unanimously approved by the Board. The money for these grants comes from accumulated funds grants. Stu Garrett made a \$1,000 donation to the Warm Springs Book Project through ECAS.
3. Each member of the Board shared comments about the October 18 Annual Event. There were many positive reviews for the Acme Food Truck. Harry Fuller, guest speaker, did a good job. The membership tables need to be closer to the main entrance. The desserts can be moved to another area. The desserts were good. It was nice to have fruit. Next year we can add appetizers. The staff from the Grange was pleased with us. The door prizes were positively received. Stu Garrett gave an excellent presentation and kept to the time allowed. More project leaders could talk next year. We need a better projection screen. Tom L did a great job presenting the Year in Review. Next year we can present the bird sightings for the year at the beginning of the Annual Event and have it on a continuous loop. Diane will keep track of bird sightings during the year and record them on a spreadsheet. Photos for the Annual Event can be sent to the ECAS gmail account. This can be advertised in The Calliope.
4. Sue Bertsch will no longer be organizing and hosting ECAS Birders Nights. Garrett Durham is interested in taking over. Diana will help Garrett as she used to be in charge of Birders Night.
5. Gordon attended the Oregon Audubon Council meeting. He presented Sage Grouse Conservation. Gordon has been helping Stu Garrett with his Sage Grouse project.

6. Tom L shared information about injured raptors at the Knott Landfill. Birds have been harmed by the fire. Tom L will contact the manager at the landfill. If that fails to bring about change, then he will write a letter to the Deschutes County Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

The minutes were taken and prepared for distribution to the board by Diane Burgess, ECAS Secretary.

Approved at the Board Meeting of December 3, 2019.