

# MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 7, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

The April 2, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Tom Lawler welcomed ECAS member Gordon Wetzel to the board meeting. Gordon is interested in joining the ECAS Board of Directors. He recently moved to Bend from Anchorage, Alaska.

1. Tom L led a discussion regarding a recent letter to the Board from Chuck Gates. The Board then discussed a response to that letter.
2. Terri shared financials and the 2018 federal tax return draft. The Board unanimously approved the 2018 990 EZ Federal Tax Return. The ECAS July picnic at Shevlin Park now requires event insurance. The cost is \$130 – 175. Payment goes to the City of Bend. The Golden Eagle Cam has brought in \$200 in donations. Last year at this time we had received \$1400 in donations. The website changed from goldeneaglecam.com to goldeneaglecam.org. We may need to publicize the new website address via the ECAS Facebook page to make people more aware. The Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival has brought in \$8005 in revenue. We cannot do online t-shirt sales. The finances are looking good for that event.
3. A registrant survey through Member Planet can give us information regarding Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival participants: where they are from and how they heard about the festival.
4. The search for a future treasurer is ongoing.
5. Bob investigated the Audubon Adventures program. The classroom kits have 32 magazines of non-fiction text. Lane County uses this program. We can suggest this to teachers who seek grants or volunteers from ECAS. We can fund this program through a grant.
6. The Board is still looking into offering classes, some with follow up field trips.
7. The ECAS storage unit was cleaned out by Carolyn Rochelle, Bob Sizoo, Diane Burgess, Sherrie Pierce, and Bob Burke. Materials were organized. It is now possible to walk around in

the unit. Some items were outdated. The Board unanimously approved disposing of the items. A new inventory is needed and will be scheduled. Jan Rising has a current inventory.

8. Carolyn attended the Spring Oregon Audubon Chapter meeting. Other Audubon groups in attendance were Corvallis, Lincoln City, Salem, Umqua Valley, Portland, and National Audubon western section. The groups shared their projects and went on birding outings in the Portland area.

9. The location for the 2019 Annual Event may be moved to the Pine Forest Grange in Bend located off Boyd Acres. A concern was shared about the difficulty in parking, if the Annual Event were held at the Environmental Center as currently scheduled. There is plenty of parking at the Pine Forest Grange. This location was suggested by Mary Oppenheimer who has attended events there. Tom Lawler will look into the new location. This year's notice about the Annual Event will be sent via email. It will save ECAS over \$200.

10. Lights Out Bend status as an ECAS project is being looked at. Tom L will discuss this with Mary Ann Kruse as Lights Out Bend has recently been involved with International Dark Skies. A clarification of ECAS involvement is needed.

11. A box of East Cascade Birding locations brochures was found in the storage unit. Some of the information may be outdated. The brochures can be available for distribution at Birders Night. The brochures for many areas in Oregon, including the East Cascades, are available online.

12. Tom Lawler will contact the Redmond Sewage Ponds about current paperwork for requesting its use.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

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

Approved at the Board Meeting of June 4, 2019.