

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

February 4, 2020

**Attendance and Quorum:** Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Bob Sizoo, Carolyn Rochelle, Garrett Durheim, Amanda Accamando, Jan Rising, and Gordon Wetzel. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Terri Hyde was absent.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. The January 18, 2020 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Amanda Accamando and Jan Rising were unanimously approved as Board members.

1. The Board discussed the posters for the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival. The size is smaller than previous years, so that, when displayed, it has less chance of being covered up by other posters. The Board volunteered to post these new posters at locations in Central Oregon. Diana Roberts will put in the order at Press Pros, and the posters will be up before registration begins on April 1, 2020.

2. Gordon shared information on House Bill 2829: Creating the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. The funding for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has decreased due to less hunting and fishing license purchases. This bill seeks to fund activities that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. Their goal is \$2 million in 2 years with one million coming from the state and one million coming from the private sector. Gordon will write a summary for The Calliope newsletter.

3. The Board discussed Holbrook Travel's birding trips for Audubon chapters. Consideration was given to the suggestion that a group could be formed through Member Planet for those interested in commercial birding tours. Tom will contact Ken Hashagen and share the Board's response to his presentation at last month's Board meeting. Nothing has been decided yet.

4. The Board is gathering names for a speaker at the Annual Event on October 16.

5. The Board examined an ECAS list titled Equipment Assets. It is dated January 2016. The Board is updating the list.

6. Jan shared that the Membership Committee is working on a questionnaire for ECAS members.

7. Diane shared that the latest edition of A Guide to Nonprofit Board Service in Oregon from the Office of the Attorney General is available online as a pdf. The Board unanimously agreed to use the pdf version instead of printing copies for each Board member.

8. The Board discussed sending Thank You notes to particular groups and individuals in 2020.
9. The Board is working on an electronic permission form to be used by ECAS members for the use of the Redmond Sewage Ponds. This form would be on Member Planet. The Redmond Sewage Ponds office wants each individual birder to have a permission form on record, but they do not want to store those forms.
10. Amanda shared that she has the locations for the Sunriver Nature Center bird boxes. There will be a volunteer opportunity through ECAS to manage those boxes. Amanda also shared that there will be an event at the SHARC on Friday, Sept. 11, where Sharon Stiteler will speak on a birding topic. There will also be two morning bird walks with Sharon, one on Friday and one on Saturday.
11. Diane reports that ECAS has an Instagram page. There are no posts. The Board is discussing using this social media website/app for communication and other bird related information and photos.

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 March 3, 2020 Board meeting.