

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 4, 2016

Date and Notice: The Board of Directors meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2016, at The Environmental Center. All meeting dates for 2016 were established by the Board at its meeting on January 9, 2016, and a notice listing all dates was provided to members. An agenda for the meeting was provided to the Board by email on September 27, 2016; an updated agenda was provided to the Board by email on October 3, 2016.

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Directors Ken Hashagen, Danielle Lordi, Jan Rising, Terri Hyde, Tom Lawler, Ted Groszkiewicz, and Sherrie Pierce. A quorum was present throughout the Board meeting.

Reports and Discussion:

1. President Ken Hashagen convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The September 6, 2016 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The financial reports for August 2016 were delivered electronically on September 29, 2016, to the Board. There were no corrections or questions. There is a slight operating deficit at the moment because grants are reflected on operating budget.
3. Bend Parks & Rec Riley Ranch/Jim Figurski: Bend Parks Riley Ranch Nature Reserve discussed. There has been some press because: (1) no dogs; (2) no bikes; (3) groups limited to 30. Management plan divides site into seven management units based on topography/ecology, etc. Site contains nearly two miles of Wild and Scenic River frontage. All trails will be accessible <5% grade. Plan to convert unoccupied house on property into a resource center for organizations with similar ethic. River viewpoint interpretive information will feature birds, mostly raptors. ECAS can help by including site as birding location on website (birding location), Birds of Riley Ranch bird list, letters to the editor in support, etc. First phase will feature 3-4 miles of trail with hope that north end will connect with Tumalo SP. Plan to have first phase complete by fall 2017. Jim can take groups out before the property opens. Small groups could start on bird list now. The Ranch is a possible Birder's Night presentation in the spring.
4. Budget Process – Terri: Underway; two meetings so far. Draft will be sent to Board for consideration at November meeting with expectation that we approve it at the December meeting.
5. Laughrige Grant & Policy Language Change – Terri: Approved revisions to allow for funding of compensation (just not administrative/overhead costs); limit increased to \$2,000; deleted language that usual grant is less than \$500 and naming of counties; clarified grant recipients.
6. Conservation Updates – Tom: Remaining toilets for installation of screens discussed. First Bulletin birding column out tomorrow, to be every other week. There will be a Sage Grouse fence flipper party on October 27 (same day as Calliope).

7. Heart of Oregon Request – Sherrie: Interest in volunteer opportunities followed by educational training on Wednesdays. Potential project for Wednesday birders to pull knapweed at Hatfield / Lower Bridge).
8. Don Harker Memorial – Sherrie: What to do with \$900 donated in Don Harker’s name discussd. Tom suggested a new roof on upper blind at Cabin Lake Plaque with dedication ceremony discussed as option.
9. ONDA Desert Conference – Free registrations available.
10. Annual Event Awards – Ken: Award recipients discussed. Nancy Merrick for volunteer; Mary Anne Cruse for conservation: approved unanimously. Separate award discussed for Steve Dougill.
11. Annual Event 2017 and 2018 Speakers- Sherrie; Paul Bannick for 2017—asked for \$500 + airfare negotiable, but he will be selling his book on owls. \$500 only approved unanimously. Noah Stryker planned for 2018.
12. Annual Event Update – Sherrie: Karen good on foods, etc. Get-together meeting is necessary. Board members should continue to solicit auction items.

The meeting was adjourned at ___8:10_____ p.m.

Actions Taken:

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the and September 6, 2016 minutes.

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve above-stated language revisions to the Laughrige Grant & Policy.

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve 2017 volunteer and conservation award recipients Nancy Merrick and Mary Anne Cruse, respectively.

Approved at the Board meeting of _____, 2016

Danielle Lordi, Recording Secretary