

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

September 1, 2015

Date and Notice: The Board of Directors meeting was held at 6 pm on September 1, 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. A proposed agenda for the meeting was provided to the Board by email on August 15, 2015.

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Directors Ken Hashagen, Kevin Smith, Jan Rising, Terri Hyde, Ted Groszkiewicz and Sherrie Pierce. Jon Putnam was excused and Karen Gentry was absent. A quorum was present throughout the Board meeting.

## Reports and Discussion:

President Ken Hashagen convened the meeting at 6:00 pm. He welcomed observers Danielle Lordi and Sue Bertsch.

The August 4, 2015 minutes were approved.

The financial reports for July delivered electronically to the Board were reviewed by Treasurer Terri Hyde. There were no corrections or questions.

The Board discussed applying for a credit card through Bank of the Cascades. A motion was made and approved that Terri Hyde pursue this application.

A Non-discrimination Policy and Youth Guidance and Discipline Policy were discussed. A motion to adopt both was made and approved by the Board.

The Board discussed reports on the Kestrel Project, the Lewis' Woodpecker Project, and the Bluebird Nestbox project.

A report from the Grants Committee was presented. Laughrie Grants to North Fork of the John Day and Oregon Natural Desert Association were approved by the Board. Additional grants and donations to non-profit organizations were recommended by the committee and were also approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the Smartwaiver online service as a possible tool to be used by the organization. It will be re-visited at the October meeting.

The new ECAS website is now up and operational. Work is continuing on updating the Birding Oregon site.

The Board heard a report on the Den Hale Woodpecker Festival 2016. The dates will be June 2 – 5.

The 2015 Action Plan was reviewed and discussed.

Annual Event Award Nominations for Conservation and Project Volunteers were discussed. Possible recipients were suggested. Final action will be on the October agenda.

A report was given on the Annual Event planning. Raffle prizes have been secured and auction items are being gathered.

Nominations for Board positions were discussed. Board visitors Danielle and Sue were asked if they had any questions. Final nominations will be made at the October Board meeting.

## Actions Taken:

The August minutes were approved unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that Treasurer Terri Hyde pursue application to Bank of the Cascades for a credit card in ECAS' name. ECAS officers will be authorized signers.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the Non-discrimination Policy and the Child Guidance Policy be adopted by ECAS.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that Laughrige Grants be given to North Fork of the John Day for two separate \$1000 projects and to Oregon Natural Desert Association for two \$500 grants per their application.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that the recommended memberships/donation to non-profits be given as presented by the Grants Committee with the amended amount of \$250. to Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon area (FANS).

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Approved at the Board meeting of- October 6, 2015.

Sherrie Pierce, Secretary