

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 4, 2020

Attendance and Quorum: The meeting was held through a virtual internet Zoom Meeting due to the Covid 19 restrictions of limiting gathering in groups and maintaining at least six feet distance from others.

Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Jan Rising, Gordon Wetzell, Carolyn Rochelle, and Terri Hyde. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Bob Sizoo, Garrett Durheim, and Amanda Accamando were absent. Also, in attendance were Miriam Lipsitz and Jenny Mueller.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.

1. The Board minutes from July were unanimously approved.
2. Jenny Mueller and Miriam Lipsitz are interested in joining the ECAS Board. They both shared some background information. Miriam is a long-time member of the ECAS Membership Committee. Jenny is a recent member of the ECAS Membership Committee and will be taking over the chairperson role after Jan Rising leaves.
3. Mary Shivell sent an email with detailed notes on changes for the Field Trip Policy and other notes from the Field Trip Committee. Diane will update the Field Trip Policy and share with the Board.
4. Terri shared financials. The Golden Eagle Cam project broke even this year. Mileage reimbursements were sent for the Winter Raptor Route project. Jeff Fleischer has satisfied the requirements for compensation for administering the Winter Raptor Route project. The Board unanimously voted to not pay a deposit for The Belfry in 2021 at this time. We will revisit this topic in December.
5. Tom spoke with Jeff Fleischer about Board concerns with the budget for the Winter Raptor Project. The Board will pay mileage reimbursements for 2020-2021. Jeff will be paid through 2021-2022. After that, ECAS will no longer be funding this project. Jeff does not want to be in charge of funding this project or seek other ways of funding it. Jeff is preparing a PowerPoint of the Winter Raptor Project to share with ECAS members.
6. The Green Ridge Hawk Watch is canceled for 2020 due to COVID 19 restrictions.
7. The ECAS gmail account password was changed due to an unauthorized log-in attempt.
8. Tom L shared information on a matching fund opportunity for the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. The Board wants more specific information on what this program is about.
9. Gordon shared that Birders Night will occur as a Zoom Meeting on August 20. Members will be notified through Member Planet. Both members and others can access the link from The Chatter after registering.
10. Tom brought up the fact that many Board positions and other project leader positions will be vacant soon. This topic will be addressed in the next Calliope newsletter. Ken Hashagen will be asked to write about the needs for the Woodpecker Festival.
11. Gordon shared that Stu Garrett has offered to lead a field trip for Board members to the Brothers Lek area. Board members should let Gordon know they are interested.
12. Jan shared that Liz Thill plans on leaving the Membership Committee at the end of 2020. She will no longer provide her expertise with managing Member Planet and helping with online registration for the Woodpecker Festival. She will train her replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.

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

Approved via virtual Zoom board meeting votes on September 1, 2020.