

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 7, 2018

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Directors Ken Hashagen, Tom Penpraze, Carolyn Rochelle, Diana Roberts and Tom Lawler. Not present were Diane Burgess, John Brune, Terri Hyde. A quorum was present throughout the Board meeting.

New Business:

1. President Ken Hashagen convened the meeting at 1:02 pm.
2. The July Minutes were approved.
3. July Financials were delivered via email on August 3rd. No discussion of financials took place because of absence of both John and Terri.
4. Whiskey Springs – Whiskey Springs is private property and the property has been damaged by birders, bird photographers and even non-birders. Signs have been posted because of this damage. Judy Merideth wants to do native plant planting and other work to minimize future damage and to try to restore the area. The Board agreed that vegetation can certainly restore some of the damaged but it seems there needs to be a way to keep people on a path to view the springs. The Board approved proceeding with this project. Ken will contact and Judy and ask for a plan and budget. Carolyn will be board liaison for this project.
5. Calliope Crossing/Indian Ford Project - Tom P. Discussed. Met with Forest Service reps at their office. They are going to try to restore the area based on photos from the 1940's. Aspens were more extensive and Willows were less intrusive. Forest Service says Willows recently died because of Beaver activity which backed up and flooded the Willows. Willows are slowly coming back because they killed the Beavers. This was all part of a larger project which involved Glaze Meadows.
6. Wildlife Cams for Stu – Stu Garrett is looking to purchase 4 wildlife cams for capturing activity at guzzlers in the Brother's area. Three have been purchased and a fourth is in the works. Looks like this has been covered so item tabled.
7. Paragliding Issues – White Owl Paragliding continues to use critical Sage Grouse habitat for their paragliding landing site. BLM and Deschutes National Forest do not appear to be taking action on this and Stu Garrett would like the Board's support for a letter to these agencies. The Board will support a letter to various agencies. Ken will sign.
8. Gracie the Swan Book- Jay Bowerman needs a non-profit organization for a pass-through grant for this book. The board agreed to allow ECAS to receive and disburse funds.

9. Bat Box Project - A project was proposed by the Oregon Army National Guard. An event in September is being held at their facility east of Redmond. They want help from someone to talk about pollinators. The Board felt this could be better handled by High Desert Museum or Sunriver Nature Center. Ken will contact them (OR ANG) and let them know of the Board's decision.
10. Spotting Scope Purchase - For use by Wednesday Birders. The Board did feel that plenty of spotting scopes are brought to Wednesday Birders and this scope would probably be unnecessary. Ken will talk with Judy about how this might be used.
11. ECAS Membership Management Software. - Ken will talk with Jan. We were short some Board members that should be involved in this decision.
12. Poo Screens - Tom L. has received permission from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to cap OPRD vault toilets across the state. Tom will contact OR Audubon Council (ask Diana for contacts) to see if we can get other Oregon Audubon Societies on board with this project. Tom also reported that Ochoco National Forest would like us to cap all their toilets. They are supplying the caps, we will supply the labor. The Board also approved purchasing 25 more screens.

Old Business:

1. Noah Strycker Appearance - Posters need to be distributed. The Board approved turning all profits over to Sunriver Nature Center.
2. Annual Meeting Update - Ken needs to put together letter to be mailed to membership about meeting. Oct 13th is meeting, 14th is Shorebird Class.
3. No poster will be done about Annual Meeting.

Deferred until September Meeting:

1. Field Trip Policy - Held until next Board meeting.
2. Sue Bertsch - We think she should just set these up and does not need our approval. We might want to change the name of "Birder's Night" to "Audubon Nature Night" to allow broader topics around conservation and other non-bird species.
3. Umbrella Policy – Deferred discussion until September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:55. The minutes were prepared by Tom Lawler.

The minutes were approved at the September 4, 2018 ECAS Board Meeting.