

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

June 5, 2018

**Attendance and Quorum:** Present were Ken Hashagen, Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Terri Hyde, John Brune, Diana Roberts, Carolyn Rochelle, Tom Penpraze. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Also in attendance were Sherrie Pierce and Claire Weiser.

Meeting called to order at 1:07 pm.

The May 1, 2018 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Sherrie Pierce shared information about installing a plaque at Cabin Lake in Don Harker's memory. All of the family's donation went to the Cabin Lake funds which have recently been used in rebuilding the upper bird blind. Sherrie presented the wording on the plaque. The Board approved the wording and funding of the plaque.

Board, Sherrie - Comments were shared about the 2018 Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival that ended on Sunday, June 3. Overall the comments were very positive. The Board appreciates all of the time and efforts that Sherrie puts into managing the registration for the festival, and everything else she does! Some attendees had comments on tick awareness. They wish they had known ahead of time, so that they would have worn different clothing. The evening program and dinner were well attended, 80-85 people. The catering company ran out of the enchilada and Stromboli. A suggestion for next year is to put up a sign for the food choices, so people can be prepared when they step up to order. Diana's publicity paid off. We had lots of locals from Oregon and Washington. The blue radios should be replaced or have the rechargeable batteries replaced. All of the radio's batteries should be checked. Tom Penpraze will do this. John shared data on the t-shirt sales. He compared the sales order and profits for 2017 and 2018. It is suggested that we order fewer t-shirts next year. A suggestion for using lanyards with nametags in place of peel & stick nametags was taken into consideration. An attendee said he could donate many lanyards. Sherrie will look into this. The 2018 DHWF made an estimated \$6000 profit, though not all expenses have yet been taken into account.

Diana Roberts asked about when to hold the shorebird class by the Annual Meeting guest speaker, Tim Boyer. The Board chose Sunday at 9 am. The cost for the class is \$40 per participant. ECAS will provide light refreshments. The plan is for the class to be held at the Environmental Center. More details will be decided at later Board meetings.

Ken – A request was received for a donation to support the repairs needed at the Malheur Field Station. This request has been referred to the Grant Committee.

Tom Penpraze – Information was shared about the empty kiosk across the street from the Frenchglen Hotel. It is sponsored by ECAS and is supposed to contain a notebook and pen for recording recent bird sightings. Tom has been in touch with the Friends of Malheur to gain more information. In the meantime, it is suggested that ECAS members visiting the kiosk put a notebook and pen inside.

Tom Lawler – Tom shared information from the Sunriver Nature Center about a Noah Strycker presentation at Sunriver's SHARC building. The Nature Center will organize the logistics for Noah's talk. Noah wants ECAS and Paulina Springs Bookstore involved. ECAS will get some money from this as there will be a charge for attending. ECAS will do some publicity to members, to be arranged later. Noah's talk will be in September 2018.

Terri – Terri has requested a quote for more insurance coverage to address liability concerns. At a cost of \$377, ECAS can obtain an additional \$1 million of umbrella insurance coverage. The Board approved obtaining the additional coverage.

Terri, John – Winter raptor route reimbursement requests will be paid this month. Grant checks were sent to North Fork, ONDA, Golden Eagle project, and Prineville Storage Shed. These grants were previously approved by the Board. Terri has applied for a Certificate of Good Standing which is needed for the 10 year Forest Service Permit but has not yet received it.

Tom Lawler – the Cabin Lake Facebook page has been set up for ECAS donations, but Facebook has not yet made a payment to our account for donations received.

Tom Lawler – Asked if the Sunriver Bird Walk could be added to the information slide at Birder's Night. Also would like it added to the ECAS website. Both items will be added.

Tom Lawler – Tom and Stu Garrett discussed outhouse vent caps with the Deschutes Forest Service staff. One cap will be added at Pine Mountain. They also discussed the impact of a mowed area by Pine Mountain on Sage Grouse habitat. A negative impact has not occurred. There will be a conifer removal project in September to aid the Sage Grouse habitat. And, putting vent caps on ODOT and OR State Park outhouses can be done by ECAS. The National Forest Service also has road signs that can be put up saying "Road Closed." They will state which roads these are.

Diana, Tom Lawler – They will set up an Eventbrite event for the Shorebird Class registration. Participants can pay through our Eventbrite account.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The minutes were taken and prepared for distribution to the board by Diane Burgess, ECAS Secretary. The minutes were approved at the July 3, 2018 ECAS Board Meeting.