

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 5, 2016

Date and Notice: The Board of Directors meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on April 5, 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 April 26, 2016.

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

Reports and Discussion:

1. President Ken Hashagen convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The March 1, 2016 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The Eagle Cam project was discussed. Terri noted that we need determine where the bills for the project expenses are going, because she is not getting them; only Yellow Knife is on our credit card. It was discussed that we will need to obtain administrative rights to the Eagle Cam website as well, because we are paying for it. Jim Hammond recently sent an email to Kevin stating that he has found a way to ensure that we do not exceed our bandwidth allowance; Sherrie will forward. Terri has finished drafting the MOU and plans to circulate it this week.
3. The financial reports for March 1, 2016 were delivered electronically to the Board. There were no corrections or questions about the reports or the 2015 tax return. John noted that he had run the numbers just prior to our meeting, and we're already 25% through the year of what we budgeted. Donations have already exceeded our expectation for this year; we received \$900.00 in donations made in the memory of Don Harper alone. It was suggested that we keep a running total of Eagle Cam donations (\$90.00 or so to date).
4. The Messenger movie was discussed. The Board approved unanimously the purchase of public performance rights for the movie. It was suggested that we present the film at a Birder's Night even in the fall, and we will pass the information along to Diane for planning. The expense can come out of the Birder's Night budget.
5. Tom presented on various conservation projects.
 - a. La Pine High School will be constructing stock tank escape ramps for \$20 each. He suggested we have a certain dollar amount above and beyond that to account for unexpected need. It was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve an expenditure of up to \$500 for 20 stock tank ramps built by La Pine High School students.

The expense will come out of the general budget, as this is a one-time and not an ongoing expense.

- b. Caps on vault toilet projects is in the works as well (screens too). 50 caps remain to be installed (of the 85 originally noted by Brock McCormick of Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District) at \$30.00 each (\$1,500.00 total). Karen noted that Brock will need to draft a project outline with scope and specs (with Tom drafting the narrative) before we can distribute the funds to the Forest Service. Karen's organization—Discover Your Forest—is the official partner for the Deschutes National Forest, and she will work with Brock to set up the agreement. DYF would earmark/distribute the ECAS funds to Forest Service and also recruit volunteers (ECAS would be considered a Forest Service volunteer through DYF). There would be a safety debriefing prior to sending the volunteers out to do the installation. After speaking to Brock, Karen will follow up with Tom. The expense for the cap project will come from Laughrige funds (Jan will write grant request, to be approved at May Board meeting--\$1,750 (excess to cover expense for screens)). It was noted that this is a grant to the federal government that could be renewed each year.
 - c. Cabin Lake project will be completed in the next 3-4 weeks. Project is two part—rehabbing the blind + other miscellaneous items (trimming vegetation, widening road, new suet feeders). As with cap project, Tom and Karen will work together to ensure that project is funded and otherwise handled correctly via DYF.
6. Whiskey Springs project was discussed. Karen reported that she is willing to form a work group for light restoration work post-vandalism incident (motion last year to restore area after incident). This week's Wednesday birders will inventory and give an idea regarding how many permits (required to remove plants from forest that can be transplanted to area) are required. Karen will do leg work and ECAS volunteers can help with planting.
 7. North Fork of John Day Watershed Council Laughrige grant request for purchase of acoustic monitoring equipment was discussed. The grant committee previously approved the request to bring to Board. The equipment would be to monitor bird species and other wildlife (equipment is usually used to monitor bats). ECAS gave this organization \$2,000.00 last fall. Grant request for this project in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Laughrige funds was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
 8. Ken updated the Board on DHWF16. Ken and Jan are handling the t-shirt order. Online registration has gone relative smoothly thus far. We will do a PayPal reconciliation once per month.
 9. Sherrie noted that Earth Day is April 23 and that ECAS will have its usual booth outside the Environmental Center from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Terri went ahead and paid \$100.00 fee because deadline was looming.
 10. Old Mill Bird Walks have started. 5 people at first, and still not many migrants.

11. Miscellaneous: Fillable membership form is now available. Sunriver Nature Center walks will now be advertised on ECAS website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Actions Taken:

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the March 1, 2016 minutes.

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to pay from Birder's Night budget for the purchase public performance rights for The Messenger movie.

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to pay La Pine High School up to \$500 from general, miscellaneous budget funds for the construction of 20 stock tank ramps.

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to pay the North Fork of John Day Watershed Council \$1,000 from Laughrige funds to be used for the purchase of acoustic monitoring equipment to monitor bird species and other wildlife.

Approved at the Board meeting of May 3, 2016.