

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 5, 2016

Date and Notice: The Board of Directors meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on July 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 June 28, 2016; an updated agenda was provided to the Board by email on July 3, 2016.

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

Reports and Discussion:

1. President Ken Hashagen convened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. The June 7, 2016 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The financial reports for May 2016 were delivered electronically on July 3, 2016, to the Board.
 - a. DHWF revenue of \$5896 should be final. It is down somewhat from the \$6100 last year because we had to refund payments when the USFS failed to approve the High Lakes trip. The DHWF expense of \$1313 is not final. There are approximately \$100 of bills outstanding (USFS permit and meals for Summer Lake trip plus a \$350 deposit for the Belfry for next year for a total of approximately \$1763). This compares to \$1871 expense for last year.
 - b. Expenses slightly exceed income for the year because we have made over \$5000 of Laughrige grants. These show up as current expenses in our statements even though they are from the Calvert funds. \$3000 YTD—approx. \$1400 from Golden Eagle. We have paid out \$1,302 as reimbursement of winter raptor project mileage (we may still receive one additional reimbursement request). Membership 88%—new printing of brochures and bird checklists + bookmark project (\$180) to take us to \$703.
 - c. Board needs to decide whether to close down the old web site, assuming we have transferred over all the materials to the new web site. We are still paying for it.
 - d. Still no bills for Eagle Cam—we only know what it has cost on the front end. Don't know about overages, etc. John will follow up with Terri and Kevin about this.
3. Education Committee Report – Mary Yanalcanlin: Handout. Numbers for Fledgling Fun and Preschoolers likely higher than recorded because people forget to sign in. Huge increase in Facebook likes from last year to this year. This is an opportunity to work with non-birders. Concern was expressed that there are no new birders in the pipeline. Consensus that the interest is there, but there is a lack of volunteers to sustain interest through programming, etc. New science standards align perfectly with birding—now is the time to help teachers as it fits directly within their curriculum. Jan and Miriam are meeting next week to talk about connecting, finding volunteers, etc.

4. Conservation Projects – Tom: Vent Caps: Will arrange for work party to assemble, then work party to install, nearly all at Paulina. Conservation Committee accompanied Stu Garrett to a priority area for conservation near Brothers for a half day--found a new stock tank escape ramp design: rebar, goes all the way to the bottom, looks much sturdier and has handle for easy removal. No update from Stu about flippers for fences. Stu and Conservation Committee thinking about how to get more involved with Sage Grouse, including working with ranchers to disburse seeds, etc.
5. Ryan Ranch Meadow – Ken H. and Erik Kancler: Erik will take charge of developing protocol and managing surveys. Wet meadow is pilot; open question whether it continues. Erik talked to Ryan Houston, Deschutes Watershed Council--no one working with birds (spotted frog is focus). He also talked to Peter and Laurie at USFS. Project timeframe is rapid: public meeting in October to decide whether to continue, and don't have what they need presently to generate success. Irrigators oppose. Laurie suggested two-prong approach: (1) observe and record species and numbers; (2) then, if pilot becomes more permanent, something more rigorous.
6. Audubon Climate Watch Bluebird Survey – Danielle and Ted: nine squares of data entered—haven't heard back—will update.
7. Volunteer Thank-you – John: Discussed opportunity to recognize key volunteers more than we do now. It was suggested that we need a volunteer specifically for this purpose. One idea is handwritten thank you cards. Everyone asked to email their ideas and Jan will discuss with Membership Committee at meeting on July 15.
8. Messenger Film – Danielle: Not sure if paid yet—will check with Terri.
9. Website Monitoring – Jan: Potential issues with disconnect between COBOL and website information discussed. Danielle will be responsible for looking at the website every week to ensure accurate and up to date.
10. Birder's Night Facilitation – Jan: Diane's term has ended; she has programs planned through October, but won't be there to facilitate. Idea to rotate responsibilities among Board members, at least until we can find someone. July is the picnic, but we need program for August. Ken volunteered to facilitate for the remainder of this year (and will reach out if he can't make it to a particular program). Committee will be convened to find Diane's replacement.
11. Announcements: Potluck picnic will replace Birder's Night for July (bring your own alcohol). Portland Audubon has asked us to sign on to forage fish letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Actions Taken:

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the June 7, 2016 minutes.

Approved at the Board meeting of August 2, 2016

Danielle Lordi, Recording Secretary