

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 6, 2018

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

Also present at the meeting were Frank Conte, president of High Lakes Aquatic Alliance Foundation, and Dave Huni, electronics guy for HLAAF.

ECAS members Chuck Gates and Claire Weiser attended portions or all of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm.

Frank Conte made a short presentation on Lake Abert. Frank talked about the climatic changes to Lake Abert. He feels Abert Lake could become the next Mono Lake. He wants a partnership with ECAS to focus on ecology and biology. HLAAF wants a National effort to save the Great Salt Lake, Salton Sea, Mono and Albert Lake. All these lakes are important to the Pacific Flyway birds. He feels that tourism, monitoring stations to access air and water quality and counting bird populations are needed for the success of this effort. He wanted ECAS to help with air quality monitoring and bird counts at Lake Abert.

Frank finished up at 1:35 and both he and Dave Huni left the meeting.

General meeting started immediately afterwards.

Agenda mixed up a little...

Old Business:

Winter Raptor Surveys. Chuck Gates came to speak for Jeff Fleischer (Winter Raptor Survey Coordinator). Making the WRS its own 501c3 is the issue. This was brought up at the January board meeting and is necessary is to protect the ECAS Laughridge funds in the event of a suit against ECAS. Our insurance may or may not cover an accident should one occur during a raptor survey. This was discussed by Terri H. with Jeff Fleischer after January's board meeting and Jeff F. did not want to form a 501c3 and wanted to keep the status quo. Terri H. is looking further into forming a Single Member LLC for the Winter Raptor Survey program which would not involve Jeff F.

New Business:

Ken H. - Approval of January Minutes: Approved. Terri wanted to clarify that the Trumpeter Swan grant was to the National Trumpeter Swan Society. So noted but the Minutes were not modified to reflect this.

Terri H., John B. - Financials: Delivered electronically on February 5th. Question raised by Tom L. on an expenditure for Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival in December 2017. This was the write-off for the donation of all DHWF T-shirts, prior to year 2017, that were donated to the Bend homeless shelter.

Terri H. - Renew Jim Anderson's banding permit is a budgeted item and does not need Board Approval. Jim needs to provide documentation that the permit was renewed to get reimbursed.

Terri H. - Changing banks – The board is in favor of moving from First Interstate (FI acquired Bank of the Cascades last year) to Mid Oregon Credit Union. It would be convenient for members dealing with banking to use Mid Oregon since branches are in the cities surrounding Bend. It is planned to make this move in March.

Ken H. - Portland Audubon Meeting – Portland Audubon would like to have a meeting with ECAS board members. Ken will get dates from Portland Audubon that might work for them. All board members in attendance were interested in attending this meeting.

Tom L. - Bylaws - Approved as amended. Amendments were for the most part proposed and approved in the January 2018 meeting (and documented in those Minutes). A small additional change was brought up at this meeting removing some no longer needed verbiage referring to ECBC membership passing along to ECAS membership in Article 1, Section 2. Bylaws are now dated February 6, 2018. **Note:** New Bylaws were given to Sherrie Pierce to be posted to ECAS website.

Tom L. - Summer Lake Breeding Bird Survey – Mike Bogar, volunteer coordinator for this survey, asked Tom L., via email, to check if it would be alright to move the date back to the first weekend after Memorial Day weekend. This was discussed by participants at last year's survey. The counts for the last two years have been lower than years prior. The date of the survey was moved three years ago at the request of ECAS because the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival date was moved two weeks earlier which landed on the same weekend. Further discussion on this will take place via emails and include non-board members.

Tom L. - Eventbrite – Approved by board to use this software. We do want to try to use this for the first field trip scheduled on March 10, 2018. Terri also wanted to know if Eventbrite could handle waivers. This will be looked into further.

Tom L. - Membership Management Software – The board approved to look into membership management software. Tom L. will talk with Jan Rising, chairperson of the Membership committee.

Old Business:

Ken H. – Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival update: Will go back to art for T-shirt. The DHWF Committee wants more subdued colors on shirt.

Ken H. will miss March 6th Board meeting.

Action and Strategic Plan postponed to next meeting.

Field Trip Policy put off to next meeting. It will be worked on and be ready by next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

The Minutes were taken and prepared for distribution to the board by Tom Lawler, ECAS Vice President.