

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 5, 2019

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Terri Hyde, Diana Roberts, Carolyn Rochelle, and Tom Penpraze. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Bob Sizoo was absent. Also in attendance were Stu Garrett and Sherrie Pierce.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

The January 19, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

1. Diane shared comments from the January 22 Woodpecker Festival Committee. The Board requested charging a \$25 registration fee. The committee turned down the request. Diane then shared the Board suggestions of using a generic design for the Woodpecker Festival, eliminating the date. Other suggestions were using a local artist and paying the artist a flat fee instead of a percentage of each t-shirt ordered. The committee was open to the idea of a generic t-shirt and suggested using the current ECAS logo. Sherrie Pierce attended this Board Meeting and provided updates on the t-shirt design. The ECAS logo will be used. The date of the festival will be dropped. The same shirt will be used for ECAS and the festival. The ECAS logo will be dropped from the sleeve. The t-shirt color will be green. The DHWF poster will have the same logo with the dates of the festival. The next DHWF committee meeting is Feb. 18 at 4 pm at McMenemy's in downtown Bend.
2. Stu Garrett shared information about the Sage Grouse Project sponsored by ECAS. He presented a very informative PowerPoint on Sage Grouse facts and Oregon's Sage Grouse habitats both past and present. Stu is proposing to corner off a section of mowed area in the Brothers PAC to see what happens when it is left alone and fenced off. The rest of the land will be grazed. He is working with the BLM through the Prineville office. The BLM says yes for planting sagebrush seeds for the Pine Ridge Project. Stu is meeting with Jeff Kitchen at the Prineville BLM office on Feb. 20 at 9 am. Board members are invited to attend. Stu volunteered to present a lengthier Sage Grouse PowerPoint at a future Birders Night.
3. Mary Shivell has volunteered to be the ECAS Field Trip Coordinator. Field trips will be managed through the Member Planet Software.
4. The Sunriver Nature Center wants to co-sponsor a speaker with ECAS, similar to what happened with Noah Strycker's talk in 2018. Tom L wants to rebrand the Sunriver Bird Walks as Sunriver/ECAS Bird Walks.

5. The Board unanimously approved passing on ownership of ECAS binoculars to the Sunriver Nature Center. The binoculars had been donated to the Sunriver Nature Center through an ECAS grant with ECAS retaining ownership of the binoculars.
6. Tom L would like ECAS to participate in Migratory Bird Day on May 11. The Board agreed to participate. Tom L will share more information at future Board meetings.
7. The Board discussed the Annual Event for 2019. It will be held at The Environmental Center in November. Two rooms will be rented. There will be a business meeting and an election for Board members. Two ECAS-sponsored projects will be shared. A Year in Review slideshow will focus on volunteers and projects. Awards will be given for Conservationist and Volunteer of the Year. Desserts, coffee and tea will be served. The Board still needs to finalize the date.
8. The Board is working on a Membership Survey. It is also working on updating the Strategic Plan and Action Plan.
9. Diane will contact Abbott Schindler regarding his request for leading a birding photography field trip. Mary Shivell will be copied on that email, and then set up the field trip for ECAS through Member Planet.
10. Dates for Upcoming Events were set for 2019. A copy will be posted on the ECAS website.
11. Terri shared financial reports. ECAS received two donations from Charlie Berry's obituary request. Ken Hashagen will continue to send thank you notes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

The minutes were taken and prepared for distribution to the board by Diane Burgess, ECAS Secretary.

Approved at the Board Meeting of March 5, 2019.