

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

July 2, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm.

The June 4, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

1. Stu Garrett shared information on Sage Grouse status in Oregon. He has had discussions with BLM and Senator Jeff Merkley's office. Stu is organizing a local implementation team not connected to government agencies. The team will consist of three or four Phd/academics and conservation groups (Sierra Club, ONDA, ECAS, Portland Audubon). The team will make a threat reduction plan. The planned title is East Cascades Science Review Team. The team will have six or seven individual members. The Board thanks Stu for all of his continued efforts. Stu left the meeting after sharing this information.
2. After Garrett Durham left the room, the Board unanimously elected him to the ECAS Board of Directors.
3. Tom Lawler will attend the ECAS Picnic on July 18 at Shevlin Park.
4. Terri shared financials. This year's contributions from the Golden Eagle cam are \$250. This is a large drop from last year. The Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival net gain is \$6500. The Winter Raptor Survey expenses have been reimbursed. This expense stayed within budget.
5. The Board unanimously approved a grant for Sisters High School biology classes. They study native birds and requested field guides: 40 Sibley, 10 National Geographic, and 10 Stokes. The grant is for \$1025.20.
6. Participant comments from the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival were mostly positive. Concerns were expressed over problems with registration. These issues were handled quickly the day of registration. This was the first year using Member Planet for the registration process. Next year's registration should not have the same challenges, as the problems addressed by participants have been solved. The Board would like to thank all involved with the festival. A special thank you goes to Sherrie Pierce and Liz Thill for troubleshooting the registration glitches.

7. The Board unanimously approved a budget increase for the Whiskey Springs Project. An additional amount of \$256.99 was needed for landscaping purchases.
8. Tom Lawler and Tom Penpraze will volunteer at the Sunriver Nature Center's Wildflower and Pollinator event on July 6. ECAS will have a table, talk about hummingbirds, and lead bird walks.
9. Tom Lawler asked the Board if we would like Harry Fuller to speak at this year's Annual Event. The Board said yes. Next month's Board meeting will focus on planning the October 18 Annual Event at Pine Forest Grange in NE Bend.
10. Tom Lawler met with Jeff Kitchens who works for Prineville BLM. Jeff shared a list of projects that ECAS could provide assistance in carrying out.
11. Marcelle Shoop, a National Audubon representative, contacted Tom Lawler for a meeting. She asked if there was anything they could help with. Tom requested a list of speakers that Audubon knows about. Marcelle did not have a list. This was a casual meeting with no agenda.
12. Tom Lawler suggested a grant for the Think Wild wildlife rescue organization. Their director can write the grant, and Tom will pass it on to the Grant Committee. Think Wild is planning on opening in August. Ten of their volunteers are vet techs. They have veterinarians on their Board.
13. Tom Penpraze shared a potential ECAS project called the Warm Springs Bird Book Project. The Board is interested in hearing more about it. Sandra Coveny will be invited to the September Board Meeting to explain the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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

Approved at the Board Meeting of August 6, 2019.