

East Cascades Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Date and Notice

The Board of Directors meeting was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. An agenda for the meeting was provided to all Board Members on April 2, 2022.

Attendance and Quorum

The following Directors were present: Mary Shivell, Gordon Wetzel, Jan Rising, Miriam Lipsitz, Duke Tufty, Laurel Collins, and Amanda Accamando. A quorum was present throughout the meeting. Sheila Timony attended a portion of the meeting to present information on the website.

Reports and Discussion

- 1- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022 Board of Directors meeting (Accamando/Shivell). Motion passed unanimously.
- 2- A financial report was provided by G. Wetzel (Treasurer). The following reports were emailed to Board Members on April 3, 2022: Balance Sheet as of March 16, 2022; Profit and Loss Statement for 1/1/2022-3/16/2022; Budget vs. Actuals as of March 16, 2022.
- 3- An update on the website redesign project was presented by S. Timony, including a recommendation from the website working group on a web design agency.
- 4- **Motion:** To approve up to \$10,000 for web design and development by Astir Agency (Shivell/Tufty). Motion passed unanimously.
- 5- **Motion:** To ratify email vote to approve Crooked River Wetlands' request to modify the intended use of previously awarded Laughrige Grant funds to purchase more trees/shrubs (Shivell/Tufty). Motion passed unanimously.
- 6- **Motion:** To ratify email vote to support Portland Audubon's letter to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department regarding "public comment on draft rules to guide take-off and landings of drones in state parks and ocean shore" (Rising/Wetzel). Motion passed unanimously.
- 7- **Motion:** To ratify email vote to support Oregon Natural Desert Association's letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding "comprehensive conservation planning for Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge" (Wetzel/Tufty). Motion passed unanimously.

- 8- Motion:** To ratify email vote to support a State Parks Grant for public amenities at the wetlands environment of the Redmond Sewage Treatment Plant complex (Lipsitz/Collins). Motion passed unanimously.
- 9-** The Bookkeeper position and the possibility of a new volunteer to take on the role was discussed.
- 10-** A discussion about the presence of non-service animal dogs at ECAS activities was discussed.
- 11-** The use of ECAS activity waivers was discussed.
- 12-** An overview of the Membership Committee's roles and responsibilities and the state of ECAS membership was provided by J. Rising.
- 13-** An update on the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival was provided by M. Shivell.
- 14-** ECAS participation in upcoming community events (e.g., Earth Day, Birds without Borders) was discussed.
- 15-** ECAS's organizational structure was discussed.
- 16-** An additional Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 25 from 9am to 11am to discuss the 2022-2024 draft Strategic Plan.
- 17- Motion:** To adjourn the Board Meeting (Rising/Accamando). Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm PT.

The minutes and notes were prepared by A. Accamando, Secretary