

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 1, 2016

Date and Notice: The Board of Directors meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on March 1, 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 February 25, 2016.

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

Reports and Discussion:

1. President Ken Hashagen convened the meeting at 5:57 p.m. The February 2 and special February 15, 2016 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The financial reports for February 2016 were delivered electronically to the Board. There were no corrections or questions.
3. Online membership/renewal was discussed. Money will be transferred once per month. Bugs should be worked out in advance of start of Woodpecker Festival registration on April 1.
4. Mary Ann Kruse suggested that ECAS purchase a DVD of the movie Messenger (messengerfilm.com), a 90-minute film concerning the decline of songbirds across North America, with the intent that she and ECAS organize a public viewing for ECAS and interested community members. The film can be purchased with certain licensing rights, price dependent on the nature and extent of the licensing. Money is available to fund this, either via grant funds or ECAS budget. Danielle will follow up regarding licensing options and price, to be discussed at April meeting.
5. Eagle Cam project was discussed. Birds are present at nest, possibly eggs. Terri will talk to Leslie regarding signing the memorandum of understanding, and, if Leslie consents, Kevin will call Yellow Knife and arrange for installation. Sherrie has drafted project form.
6. Golden Eagle Foundation grant request discussed. Grant Committee recommended approval at \$1,000 level. Questions regarding organization's financials (990) discussed. Motion to approve Oregon Eagle Foundation \$1,000 grant request from Laughrige funds to be used for mileage compensation approved. Ted abstained.
7. Ted presented website interactive maps. January 2016 data up and available on the ECAS website.

8. Sage Grouse Update. Ken and Tom met with Brock McCormick and Ben Hernandez of Forest Service. Stu Garrett also attended. They presented several projects with which ECAS can assist. Projects include: (1) installation of cage device to allow birds to escape from tanks; (2) tagging fences; and (3) placing caps on portable toilets to prevent owls and other birds from getting trapped. We already have a list of volunteers from Stu's talk at Birder's Night. Karen's husband has been involved for years in projects like this in another district and will follow up with information.
9. Conservation Committee projects idea discussed. Projects include Sage Grouse projects (above). Brock also interested in having ECAS members survey Pine Mountain area to assess state of Juniper growth and viability of area for sage grouse habitat, possible follow up in ridding area of excess growth if needed; and assistance with installation of two guzzlers in area. \$500 budgeted for Cabin Lake blind reconstruction with work group to begin early April; no objection from Forest Service. Mountain Mahogany restoration project to survey birds using these area, also possible help with planting and/or collecting seeds. Barred Owl surveys, but might not be the best project option given controversy. Lastly, Marty at Summer Lake would like to install a gravel birding trail and parking area south of complex. Tom suggested ECAS members could help and install benches and blinds.
10. 2016 Woodpecker Festival Committee report presented. Group is well along in the planning. Chuck has submitted detailed write ups for the trips. Ken and Sherrie have reviewed the maps-- most still valid. Ken will timely submit operating plan and maps. Chuck is handling the guides, and Sherrie is handling registration (with help of new online resources and PayPal). An overnight trip to Summer Lake has been added (in addition to the day trip to Summer Lake). Also blue birds / Kestrel birding, depending on what's available, with Carolyn Rochelle; High Lakes on Friday; double Ochocos trip. There won't be Sunday catch-up trips this year. Tee-shirt Williamson's Sapsucker photo will be sent to Board; some concerns regarding male in photo too plump. Jan will determine how many shirts we've sold and let us know so that we have a better idea of how many to order.
11. Birders Night program was discussed. Programs scheduled through the end of the year, but we need to plan for next year and will need new Chair (to replace Diana, done in June). Suggestion to revamp committee to figure this out or else prepare the Board to run the meetings. Ken expressed willingness to serve on committee. Kevin willing to continue PowerPoint assistance, plan speakers, etc. Sherrie happy to facilitate. Idea for Paul Bannick as speaker or for annual event (book coming out in October 2017); Judy has talked to him and he's interested for a small amount of money, perhaps \$100. Diana will continue to post as necessary on website through June. Idea to ask Diana to continue this responsibility past June.
12. Danielle and Erik Kancler will attend OAC meeting April 23-24 on behalf of ECAS.
13. Old Mill Bird Walks will take place every other Friday from 10 a.m. – noon: April 1, 15, 29 and May 13, 27 (maybe one on 6/10). Sherrie will publicize.

14. Green Ridge project Decision Memo released. Project to commence summer 2016. Will need volunteers to assist with leveling of area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Actions Taken:

It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the and February 2 and February 15, 2016 minutes.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to pay the Oregon Eagle Foundation \$1,000 grant request from Laughrige funds to be used for mileage compensation. Ted abstained

Approved at the Board meeting of April 5, 2016

Danielle Lordi, Recording Secretary