

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

March 6, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 1:12 pm. The February 6, 2018 Board meeting minutes were approved.

Danielle Lordi's resignation from the board was accepted.

Tom L. – Meeting with Portland Audubon postponed due to highway weather conditions. Ken will reschedule, preferably on a board meeting date.

Tom L. – Stu Garrett reported that in 2018 mosquito trapping will be done by Prineville BLM. We will loan them our trapping equipment. Approved by board.

Tom L. and Terri – Membership management software is still being investigated by the Membership Committee. It was suggested by Terri that the Membership Committee also look into what Tech Soup offers.

Terri and John – Financials: Donations for the Golden Eagle cam have started up again now that the eagles have nested. A conservation grant of \$500 was given to the Trumpeter Swan Society.

Terri – Quickbooks is being renewed on a month to month basis instead of yearly. This is due to the possible move to a discounted subscription through Tech Soup instead of a subscription with Quickbooks.

Terri- The board approved changing banks from First Interstate to Mid Oregon Credit Union. The issue of obtaining Medallion signatures was discussed for the move from Calvert to Vanguard accounts. Terri suggested opening a brokerage account for the mutual funds to avoid this issue.

Tom L. – Summer Lake Bird Survey dates are June 9 and 10 to avoid conflict with the Woodpecker Festival.

Tom L. – ECAS has joined the High Lakes Aquatic Alliance Foundation. We will send them the Lake Abert bird survey data.

Diana – Diana shared information about the Year of the Bird National Audubon project. This project suggests an action that can be taken each month to benefit birds. The month of March is about native plant benefits to birds. Diana and Carolyn will handle publicity regarding the monthly projects.

Diana – Audubon Chapter Leader Updates are not being received by ECAS. These updates are supposed to be emailed to our chapter's officers. Ken will contact Audubon to start this process. Diana and Diane will read the updates. Diane will suggest ideas to the board.

Diana – Publicity will be going out soon about the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival May 31 – June 3. An artist's rendering of the Three-toed Woodpecker will be on the t-shirt.

Diane – Sherrie Pierce has selected dates for the Old Mill Bird Walks which will be: April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18. Sherrie, Diane, Ken, and Jan Rising will be leaders.

Tom L. – Field Trip Policy was discussed with the board. Board members made a number of changes to the policy and the approval of the policy will be deferred to the April 3 board meeting.

Terri – Terri would like to have ECAS move to an online waiver program. Eventbrite should be able to handle waivers during field trip sign up. Tom L. and Diane will look into this.

Diane – Met with some ECAS members to discuss changes to the Annual Event. Changes are still under discussion. The consensus is that there will still be a speaker, volunteer recognition, year in review and raffle. It is likely the event will be moved to the month of October.

Board – Winter Raptor Survey: The discussion of forming a Single Member LLC was postponed until Ken's return. Topic moved to April 3 Board Meeting.

Tom L. – Discussed Sunriver Bird Walks. Would like this event put on the ECAS website. Tom will request that the Sunriver Nature Center website has a link to the ECAS website.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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

Note that directly after the board meeting Terri, Diane and Tom L. went to Mid Oregon Credit Union and opened an account. Ken H. still needs to get his signature on account documents. Terri will also get an application submitted for Mid Oregon credit cards to be issued to herself and Ken.