

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 3, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 4 pm.

The March 6, 2018 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Diana – Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival posters distributed to board members. The posters will be posted in Sisters, Bend, Redmond, and Sunriver. Diana sent out Woodpecker Festival press releases. The Bend Bulletin newspaper is interested in writing about the festival and taking photos.

Ken – Woodpecker Festival registration opened on April 2. Sherrie Pierce reports that most field trips are already full. Ken arranged for 2 porta-potty placements and rentals. He will accompany the people who place the porta-pottys, so he will know their locations.

Ken – The Woodpecker Festival t-shirt order was adjusted based on last year's inventory. The t-shirt will have a border and different fonts from the poster.

Ken - Ken and Sherrie Pierce met with Forest Service Personnel (Mike Bishop). Mr. Bishop wants to make sure the Woodpecker Festival volunteers and participants are not using property on the Wild & Scenic Corridor. Ken says we are not using that land. In the future, ECAS may want to ask the Forest Service to be a co-sponsor. If the Forest Service is involved, a permit is not needed. Our current permit is in the last year of 5 years. ECAS is applying for a 10 year Forest Service Permit.

Board - The changeover in banking is complete. The ECAS credit card remains with First Interstate Bank.

Board – Earth Day Event – Someone is needed to pick up and return tables and chairs to storage and event space. Since this board meeting, arrangements have been made.

Board – Field Trip Policy – Discussion was held on what language should be used for minors and waiver signatures. The addition of “adult family member” in section 13 of the Field Trip Policy document needs to be checked by Terri. More discussion will take place at the May board meeting.

Diane – An online waiver needs to be added to ECAS field trips on Eventbrite. After exploring the Eventbrite site, it appears that an upgrade is needed from a free to a paid account. More discussion will take place at the May board meeting.

Diane – ECAS Picnic July 19 - Need more information on an alcohol permit, if required. Tom Lawler arranged for the Bend Parks and Recreation facility reservation. He needs to be reimbursed.

Diane – Annual Event speaker – There is no speaker yet. Noah Strycker is probably not available. Ken will check with Sherrie about Noah's availability. Diana said she will contact other speakers, if Noah is not available. A date for the Annual Event is not set yet due to waiting for Noah's availability. There will be more discussion on the speaker process at the May board meeting.

Diana – Year of the Bird – Diana shared a handout from National Audubon on ideas for each month for Year of the Bird. Carolyn will write a native plant article for the next Chatter.

Diana – The ECAS Bird Checklist Pamphlet needs to be updated. Ken will contact Chuck Gates, Craig Miller, Tom Crabtree, and Judy Meredith and ask for their assistance with the update.

Diane – The Board approved Tom Lawler's request for money to purchase screens for outhouse vent pipes.

Diane – Ron Guilley's email was shared about ECAS's interest in developing a bird park on land not used by Bend Park & Recreation. The board discussed it and decided against involvement. Diane sent an email thanking him for his concern and stating that ECAS was not interested at this time.

Diane – A request to present a shorebird program to ECAS was received from Tim Boyer. Diane forwarded the request to Sue Bertsch. She is the coordinator for Birders' Night.

Ken – The board discussed Chuck Gate's request for a donation to the shed being constructed at the Crooked River Wetlands by the City of Prineville. The shed will house a golf cart that will be used to take visitors around the wetlands, especially visitors with mobility limitations. The board wanted more details. Ken contacted Chuck, and the board received more details. Later in the month of April, the board was asked to vote on whether we were going to approve a request for \$3500 for this shed. A vote was conducted through email. The results of the vote and more discussion will take place at the May board meeting.

Ken – The board discussed the ECAS donation for information about the shooting of the Sunriver Nature Center's Trumpeter Swan, Chuck. Someone was arrested. An inquiry is needed to find out what happens with the reward fund.

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

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

The minutes were approved at the Board Meeting of May 1, 2018