

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 4, 2018

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Ken Hashagen, Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Terri Hyde, John Brune, Tom Penpraze, Diana Roberts, Carolyn Rochelle. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Also in attendance were Bob Sizoo and Claire Weiser.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

The November 6, 2018 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

1. Claire Weiser shared information for the upcoming ECAS newsletter. She also wanted the Board's input on ideas for articles. Any articles need to be sent to Claire by Dec. 20.
2. The Board discussed current usage of the new software "Member Planet." There were 15 – 20 membership renewals from the ECAS email blast regarding information about using Member Planet software.
3. The Board discussed the Member Planet waiver process. It is easy to use. We've received 200 waivers for the ECAS-sponsored Raptor Survey project. Everyone on the Raptor Survey needs to provide a signed waiver, not just the driver. Each field trip needs a signed waiver for each participant. Waivers can be done by smartphones via the ECAS website for participants who show up for activities and have not signed a waiver.
4. Terri and John shared the current financial statements. We are running ahead of budget and low on expenses. We still have 25 Woodpecker Festival t-shirts from 2017. They may be donated to an organization. This has been done in the past.
5. The Board discussed two ECAS projects. Lights Out Bend now has a donation button on the ECAS website. The Vault Toilet Screen donations need to be set up on Member Planet. It also needs a donation button on the ECAS website.
6. Diane explained that the ECAS tripod is not working properly. The Board decided to seek a donation for a replacement tripod. Tom Lawler will research purchasing a tripod, if needed.
7. The Board discussed having more bird identification classes, following the success of the October 14 Shorebird Identification Class by Tim Boyer. We should send out a survey to the ECAS membership to gain information on their wants and needs. This survey will be done at the Board retreat on January 19, 2019.

8. Ken shared information on Holbrook Travel. They market birding trips to Audubon chapters. They give contributions back to the chapter. If 10-12 people sign up, the leader/coordinator attends the trip for free. The Board wants input on tax issues this may cause, the experience of the guides, and feedback from other Audubon groups that have used Holbrook Travel. Ken will forward our concerns and report back to the Board.

9. The BLM in Burns has a Sage Grouse related grant. They want to know if we are interested in joining them. They will contact the ECAS Grant Committee.

10. There is a paid Portland Audubon staff member at the Malheur Refuge. We can use her, as needed.

11. The ECAS Board Retreat will be held on January 19, 2019 at Terri Hyde's HOA Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm. The minutes were taken and prepared for distribution to the board by Diane Burgess, ECAS Secretary.

Approved at the Board Meeting of January 19, 2019.