

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 2, 2019

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Terri Hyde, Diana Roberts, Carolyn Rochelle, and Bob Sizoo. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Tom Penpraze was absent.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.

The March 5, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

1. Diane shared information on the July 18 ECAS Picnic at Shevlin Park. The Aspen Meadow Shelter has been reserved with Bend Park & Recreation.
2. Terri shared financials. The Calvert fund has risen since year end due to the rise in the stock market. The Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival registration opened on April 1. More than 100 attendees signed up. Over \$7,000 came in as a result of attendee's payment of field trips. Most trips are now sold out.
3. Audubon Adventures is a program that provides materials for classrooms. Bob Sizoo will look into this program.
4. Carolyn led a discussion on a search for a new treasurer, after Terri's term is up. She shared a list of duties. She also shared a list of organizations that may be able to help us, if we do not get an ECAS member to come forward as treasurer. Some of these ideas were Oregon Society of CPA's, SCORE, Bend CPA firms. It is possible to divide the duties among more than one person. We may have to pay someone. We also need to search for an assistant treasurer. An insurance expert is also needed. These needs will be advertised in the Calliope and at Birders Night.
5. Carolyn is interested in joining the Grant Committee.
6. Tom L and Diane shared more information about the Migratory Bird Festival. It will be on May 11 from 9 am to 1 pm at Tumalo State Park. Diane will lead bird walks through Tumalo State Park. She will scout the area and plan an appropriate length of time for each walk. Assistant guides are needed. Evan Thomas has volunteered. A few more assistants are needed. Tom L arranged to have kid-friendly binoculars available from the Sunriver Nature Center. ECAS bird checklists will be available at the Sunriver Nature Center table. This is a family-focused event with activities from Discover Your Forest, Sunriver Nature Center, High Desert Museum, Oregon State Parks, and more. The theme is "Be the solution to plastic pollution."

7. Lights Out Bend update – the Board reviewed information received in an email from Lights Out Bend. The Board requests clarification on ECAS’s future involvement and information on the equipment purchase that was previously approved. This is an ongoing process due to Lights Out Bend’s participation in the Oregon Chapter of the International Dark Skies Association. Tom Lawler will communicate with Mary Ann Kruse.

8. Diana shared a list of ideas for future class offerings by ECAS. The Board discussed the choices and the logistics for these classes. Pricing, names of possible speakers, and follow up field trips were also discussed. Diana R, Tom L, and Diane B will contact a few local birders about being speakers/field trip leaders and report back to the Board.

9. The Spring Oregon Audubon Conference is being held in Portland on Apr. 26 – 28. Any Board members interested in attending should contact Tom L for details. Funding is available.

10. Tom L discussed the Strategic Plan. For now, we will leave it as it is. Tom L will write an article for the Calliope asking the membership for their input in revising the Strategic Plan.

11. Jeff Kitchens from the Prineville BLM wants ECAS to do projects for them. The Prineville BLM declined Stu Garrett’s Sage Grouse Project due to confrontations with ranchers. The Board will continue to look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

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

Approved at the Board Meeting of May 7, 2019.