

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 3, 2020

Attendance and Quorum: Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Bob Sizoo, Amanda Accamando, Jan Rising, and Terri Hyde. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Gordon Wetzel, Carolyn Rochelle, and Garrett Durheim were absent. Also, in attendance were Claire Weiser and Mary Shivell.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. The February 4, 2020 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

*** Any events mentioned in these notes may be affected by cancellations due to COVID 19. Refer to the ECAS website for updated information.

1. Claire shared ideas for articles for the next Calliope Newsletter. The Board also shared ideas. The deadline for articles is March 20.
2. Mary Shivell and Jan Rising shared concerns with field trips. There have been difficulties managing wait lists. There have been requests to have advance notice when the field trips will show up on email through Member Planet. The Board suggested some changes to the Field Trip policy. There will be more discussion on this topic, when the Board meets again.
3. Jan shared questionnaires from the Membership Committee. One is for the ECAS membership, and the other is for ECAS Program and Project Leaders. These questionnaires will go out soon. Jan also got input updating a list of names for various ECAS committees, programs, and projects.
4. Terri shared financials. All is well.
5. Diane shared updates to Upcoming Events. Birds Without Borders will be Saturday, May 9 at Tumalo State Park. Eagle Watch and Earth Day have Board approval as they are in the approved budget.
6. Speaker suggestions for the Annual Event are Pepper Trail and Jim Anderson. Tom will contact Jim to see if he's available. Tom will also contact Jeff Fleischer to do a short presentation of the ECAS sponsored Raptor Surveys at the Annual Event.
7. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new laptop for Birders Night. Windows and Microsoft Office will be updated.
8. The Board discussed payment for class presenters and charges for classes by participants.

9. The Board discussed the purchase of a Bird Wingspan Banner. The decision is to look for one that superimposes the images from shortest to longest wingspan.
10. Diane brought up the need for some new radios for ECAS outings. She will discuss this with Sherrie and Judy. The Board needs to know the amount of radios to purchase and some informed opinions on which radios to purchase.
11. Tom is still researching the ECAS equipment assets.
12. Board assignments were given for posting Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival posters. Diane will do Bend, Carolyn will do Sisters, and Amanda will do Sunriver. Sherrie Pierce is doing Redmond. Diana Roberts is doing Prineville.
13. Tom, Carolyn, and Jan met with the executive director, Sally Compton, of Think Wild prior to the Board meeting. They toured the facility and discussed their business. The Board said the cages and exam center looked good. The building has been rehabbed. Think Wild has applied for an ECAS grant.
14. Terri and Bob shared recommendations from the Grant Committee. The Board unanimously approved these grants: \$2,000 to Children's Forest of Central Oregon to support educational programs that promote awareness and appreciation of birds, plants and wildlife; \$2,000 to Golden Eagle Foundation for the final year of its 10 year survey of Golden Eagle nesting, \$2,250 to OSU-Cascades for additional equipment and surveyor expenses for a study of "Elevational range limits and interspecies correlations in bird diversity and abundance along an elevation gradient in Central Oregon." The Think Wild grant was discussed, but not voted on. They have decided to submit a more extensive grant in the future.
15. Tom shared information on the Summit Ridge Wind Project. At this time, the Board chooses not to respond.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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

Approved via email Board meeting votes in April 2020.