Minutes of the East Cascades Audubon Society Board of Directors Meeting

May 8, 2020

Attendance and Quorum: The meeting was held through a virtual internet Zoom Meeting due to the Covid 19 restrictions of limiting gathering in groups and maintaining at least six feet distance from others. The Environmental Center is closed.

Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Bob Sizoo, Amanda Accamando, Jan Rising, Gordon Wetzel, Garrett Durheim, and Terri Hyde. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Carolyn Rochelle was absent.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

1. Terri filed both federal and state 2019 tax returns.

2. Terri presented four grant proposals for approval. The Board unanimously approved all four. The Cavity Nester project requested to have their previously approved funds go to one person, Steve Shunk, instead of two to five bird surveyors. This is due to the social distancing requirements. Native Bird Care grant is for $1500 for avian care, primarily food but also medical or enclosure related expenses. The US Forest Service grant is for $200 for improved stock tank escape ramps. Think Wild grant is for $5,000 towards construction of a raptor rehabilitation and conditioning enclosure.

3. The gmail account associated with ecbc has been changed to an East Cascades Audubon address. The phone number linked to the account is the same and will now be linked with the new gmail account.

4. Governor Kate Brown issued an executive order saying that gatherings larger than 25 people are not allowed until after September 2020. Therefore, ECAS’s Birders Night is postponed through September. And, any other ECAS event with more than 25 people.

5. Ideas were discussed for maintaining some type of ECAS presence in the community. Amanda is working on programs for the Sunriver Nature Center. She will share her experience with this at the next ECAS board meeting.

6. The Board agreed to donate our usual $80 per month rent money to the Environmental Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.
The minutes were taken and prepared for distribution to the board by Diane Burgess, ECAS Secretary.

Approved via virtual Zoom Board meeting votes on June 2, 2020.