

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 2, 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, Carolyn Rochelle, and Terri Hyde. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Garrett Durham was absent.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. The Board minutes from April and May were unanimously approved.
2. Claire Weiser shared articles that would be in the next Calliope newsletter. The Board discussed other topics for the newsletter. The deadline for The Calliope is June 22.
3. The Annual Event which is scheduled for October may not be held in person. It could be a Zoom Meeting. The Board will ask the membership for ideas. Tom will write an article about this for The Calliope.
4. Mary Shivell gave an update from the Field Trip Committee. The members of that committee are Mary, Jan Rising, and Sheila Timony. They are working on a statement of field trip ethics. Other suggestions were discussed. The committee will continue to work on improving the logistics for ECAS field trips.
5. Terri shared financials. We are \$700 behind last year. The Golden Eagle Cam has made twice as much money as last year. The Board unanimously approved renaming the donation button from Lights Out Bend to Birding Education.
6. Gordon shared a letter from the ECAS Conservation Committee requesting that hunting Greater Sage Grouse in the Brothers area be further curtailed than it has in the past. The letter is addressed to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Jim Greer and Monica Tomosey, both ECAS members, contributed to the letter. It will be sent to the Oregon Audubon Council for other Audubon chapters to sign on. Then, it will be sent to ODFW. The Board unanimously approved this letter.
7. Carolyn shared that the plants at Whiskey Springs have thrived. There is no need to replace any of them. This implies that visitors are staying back.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 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 July 7, 2020.