

# MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 7, 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.

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

Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm.

1. The Board minutes from June were unanimously approved.
2. Ken Hashagen shared a project that he and Chuck Gates want to add to the ECAS website. It's called "Eggs, Nest, and Young." The goal is to have photos of the breeding birds in Oregon showing their eggs, nests, and young. There will be no cost, photos are donated, and photographers acknowledged. There will be an introduction page with an explanation of the project and a list of ABA guidelines about dealing with eggs, nest and young. If possible, an alphabetic listing and search method will be part of this. The information will be found on the website under the heading "Birding Oregon." The Board unanimously approved this project.
3. Terri shared financials. We have a slight deficit, about \$1,000. No concerns at this time about the ECAS budget. Some larger expenses are coming up soon: Winter Raptor Route Project and insurance, Member Planet renewal. Laughridge grants are handled through the Calvert fund. Grants are able to proceed. The Board unanimously approved to pay for Zoom Meetings at a cost of \$14.99 per month.
4. Gordon shared ideas for virtual Birders Night meetings. At this point, he is organizing the logistics and speakers. The Board supports his efforts and hopes that this can happen soon.
5. Board member, Jan Rising, is moving to Eugene soon. She will continue as an ECAS Board member until the end of 2020. Currently, Jan heads the Membership Committee. Jan's replacement will be Jenny Mueller.
6. Jenny Mueller and Miriam Lipsitz have both expressed interest in joining the ECAS Board.
7. Diane will contact David Vick about conducting the Green Ridge Hawk Watch project during this pandemic and ask for his feedback.

8. There have been recent updates to some ECAS passwords. At least two people per project have the new passwords. The updates were done as periodic changes for security reasons.
9. Tom is back to leading bird walks at Sunriver. The details are on the Sunriver Nature Center website. Tom will get in touch with Sherrie about changing the status on the ECAS website and an announcement in next month's Chatter.
10. Mary Shivell discussed ways to begin having ECAS Field Trips as soon as possible. The Board talked about participants meeting at local birding spots so no carpooling was involved. Also, adequate parking would need to be available. The Board brought up that some changes to the current field trip waiver form would be needed to reflect the current Covid 19 guidelines. Mary will work on organizing some field trips.
11. The Winter Raptor Route Project is increasing in its number of participants. The Board discussed the financial issues connected to this. The project is solely funded by ECAS. It spans four states. Participants from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Northern California may request mileage reimbursements. The Board would like to change the financial commitment to this project. Tom will contact Jeff Fleischer, project leader, and discuss changes. Requests for funds that exceeded this year's budget of \$3,000 were declined by the Board. The Board discussed funding the project at \$3,000 for 2020-2021, and then making future funding changes to this project. The Board will continue to discuss this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 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 August 4, 2020.