

MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 1, 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, Bob Sizoo, Amanda Accamando, and Terri Hyde. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Garrett Durheim was absent. Also, in attendance were Claire Weiser and Mary Shivell.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.

1. The Board minutes from August were unanimously approved.
2. Claire Weiser shared ideas for articles for the next edition of The Calliope newsletter. The deadline for articles is September 20. Publication is October 1. The Board also shared ideas.
3. Mary Shivell reviewed the changes to the Field Trip Policy. The Board unanimously approved the changes.
4. Terri shared financials. ECAS is doing well. It's time to start working on the 2021 budget. The Woodpecker Festival will be left out. The Annual Meeting will be left in.
5. Gordon shared information about the recent Birders Night held as a Zoom Meeting. There were 68 attendees. The next Birders Night will be held on Sept. 29 at 1:30 pm. Stu Garrett will be the speaker on the subject of Sage Grouse. This talk will be hosted by OSHA Lifelong Learning. October's Birders Night will be the Annual Event.
6. Gordon discussed ways to donate to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. Tom discussed this with Jim Greer. ECAS can donate and there will be matching funds. Tom will contact Jim Greer about writing an article about this fund and donations in The Calliope.
7. Tom shared information on helping the Klamath Refuges with an outbreak of avian botulism. The Board unanimously agreed to use an Accumulated Fund Grant and donate \$3,000 to Bird Ally X, a non-profit group that is staffing an on-site Duck Hospital.
8. Terri will look into how we vote for new ECAS Board members at our virtual Annual Meeting. We may be able to vote using Zoom.

9. The Board discussed making a donation for kids' education to the Sunriver Nature Center in honor of Jim Anderson. Jan will contact Jim's wife, Sue, for an appropriate donation. Tom will write a thank you letter to Jim for all of his contributions to ECAS.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 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 October 6, 2020.