

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

October 6, 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 Mary Shivell and Jenny Mueller.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.

1. The Board minutes from September were unanimously approved.
2. Diane shared an update from the ECAS phone and gmail accounts. Most of the phone calls are about injured birds, which we direct to other organizations. It says this on our website and on the phone message. These type of phone calls are concerning because a bird is injured and the phone calls are not always returned in a timely fashion. The phone messages and emails are checked a couple of times a week by a Board member. After a discussion about these concerns, the Board decided to continue using the ECAS phone number.
3. A group called Tree-Plenish sent an email to ECAS asking about our interest in their program. They plant trees in response to all of the paper usage at schools. Most of the group are college age students. Amanda will contact them and see if they can work with the Sunriver Nature Center.
4. Terri shared financials and Sage Grouse project information. Donations have been coming in for the Sage Grouse Project, so far \$250. A separate account has been set up for this. A 1099 tax account will be set up to handle invoices for services. The Board agrees that a section on Member Planet should be set up for direct donations to this project.
5. Gordon will set up a field trip with Stu Garrett and any interested Board Members to see the Sage Grouse area.
6. Carolyn shared an update on Whiskey Springs. The recent wildfires burned up the trees and vegetation at Whiskey Springs. The water tank survived and the pipe is still working. The whole slope is burned. The new plantings are gone. Some new growth has appeared. Green grasses coming up by the water tank. ECAS is waiting for the owner to decide what to do. There is a

concern about falling trees nearby. Carolyn will contact Sherrie and ask her to put an article in The Chatter regarding the condition of the area and asking people not to go to Whiskey Springs due to the dangers.

7. Jan shared information about a donation in Jim Anderson's name. He would like it to go to Bend Forest School. They are not a non-profit organization. Jan will contact Jim and Bend Forest School about this problem. The Board unanimously agreed to give a \$3000 donation in nature education for kids in honor of Jim Anderson. Jan will update the Board.

8. There will be an election for new Board member before January. Those running for the Board are Amanda Accamando, Jan Rising, Mary Shivell, Jenny Mueller, and Miriam Lipsitz. Liz Thill said we should be able to vote through Member Planet. Members running for the Board should send a short biography and a photo to Diane.

9. Tom shared updates on Board positions. Garrett Durham is no longer an ECAS Board Member due to attendance issues that are explained in the ECAS Bylaws. Tom has found someone to do Quickbooks. He will ask John about dropping the Quickbooks duties and becoming treasurer.

10. Birders Night is Nov. 29. Jeff Fleischer's Raptor Project Slideshow is featured. Also, other ECAS members' bird photos will be featured.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 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 November 3, 2020.