

East Cascade Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Date and Notice

The Board of Directors meeting was held virtually via zoom on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm PT. Agenda items for the meeting were provided to all board members on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Attendance and Quorum

The following directors were present: Mary Shivell, Duke Tufty, Gordon Wetzel, Laurel Collins, Miriam Lipsitz, Brian Macdonald, Aaron Jenkins and Wendy Andrick. The quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Guests present from 6:00 pm until 7:31 pm Jeff Fleischer (left at 6:47pm) Kevin Tanski (left at 6:47pm), Claire Weiser (left at 7:31) and Chuck Gates (left at 7:31).

Reports and Discussion

1. Presentation and discussion from Jeff Fleisher and Kevin Tanski on Winter Raptor Survey, collected Data and ideas on how to share and use data. Jeff is seeking in house support from ECAS to help process data. Two seasons have been uploaded to site. Jeff's goal is to upload the last 17 years of data over time. Invitation and encouragement from Jeff to explore the site. * more information available on discussion in notes.

2. Claire Weiser opened discussion requesting updates for Calliope Quarterly Newsletter.

* Deadline for all requested information is Saturday, March 25, 2023

3. Discussion opened by Chuck Gates requesting support with advocating for smaller clubs to access liability insurance. Request for ECAS Board to submit a letter in support of HB 754.

4. Discussion opened by Chuck Gates encouraging board to have a public launch of new website. Starting with an announcement on COBOL.

5. Motion: To approve Grant Committee request (Tufty/Jenkins) motion passed unanimously (more information available in notes).

6. Update from Mary Shivell on DHWF. Permit was submitted to Forest Service. 10 field trips so far. Gordon has switched registration site to Eventbrite. Discussion open on when to open registration, approx. 2 months prior to festival.

7. Information shared on Camp Chica at Riley reserve that Mary is involved with March 28, 2023

8. Mention of Summer Lake shorebird Survey dates overlap with DHWF, June 3, 2023 and June 4, 2023

9. Motion: To approve minutes from February 7, 2023 Board of Directors meeting (Macdonald/Collins). Motion passed unanimously.

10. Update from Science and Conservation Committee was provided by Laurel Collins. Request for support on HB 3159. Laurel will provide link and send information via email to Board. Request to put ECAS logo on letter in support of removal of beaver listed as predator, Laurel will send email to board. Vote will be conducted via email. Discussion of creating a good system of interchange for short notice items for future.

*Request for support on HB 3159 approved unanimously via email Thursday, March 9, 2023

*Request for support on use of ECAS logo for support of letter sent from Stu Garrett in works with OWC in creating a bill that would remove beaver from the predator list. Allowing Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to manage them on private lands. Approved unanimously via email Thursday, March 9, 2023

11. Motion: To appoint Wendy Andrick as Secretary. (Tufty/Collins) Motion passed unanimously.

12. Motion: To adjourn Board Meeting (Lipsitz/Tufty) Motion passed unanimously .
The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm PT
The minutes were prepared by Wendy Andrick, Secretary.