



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Scott Cobble, Susan Cottingham, Ron Harden, Bill Miller, Louise Parker, John Shenot, Joann Thomas, John Waddell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Miller:

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

None.

MINUTES: February 7, 2013 – Review, Revise and Accept – All:

The board accepted the February minutes as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer's Report for February 2013 (sent out earlier) – Waddell:

1. On March 02, 2013, the checking account balance was \$10791.21.
2. The Savings account balance was \$3001.59.
3. The total balance was \$22243.54.
4. February 2013 expenses included:
 - a. \$65.74 to PostNet for mailing the February newsletters.
 - b. \$165.00 to Print It to print the February newsletter.
 - c. \$85.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the February newsletter.
 - d. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental February 14th.
 - e. \$39.96 to Young's Cafe for meals for the Oplers.
 - f. \$120.00 to Scott Rashid for leading a field trip.



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- g. \$120.00 to Nick Komar for leading a field trip.
 - h. \$355.00 to Quetzal Tours for field trip expenses.
 - i. \$19.38 to Joann Thomas for miscellaneous expenses at Avian Days at Bath Nursery.
 - j. \$35.00 to National Audubon for Ruth Grant renewal.
 - k. \$170.00 to Bullet Boy Design for web site maintenance January and February.
 - l. \$50.00 to cash box to make change for future sales.
5. February 2013 receipts include:
- a. \$1350.00 from 9 individuals for Quetzal / FCAS field trip participation.
 - b. \$130.00 for sale of 13 copies of Colorado Wildscapes at High Country Landscape Workshop.
 - c. \$108.00 for sale of 18 Pocket Guides.
 - d. \$10.00 for sale of one Bird Songs of Rocky Mountain States CD.
 - e. \$1287.06 from 61 memberships: 1 National only, 1 National & Local and 59 local only.
 - f. \$593.59 from donations from 9 persons.
 - g. \$15.00 from 1 donor to the Alex Cringan Memorial Fund.
 - h. \$0.07 from Wells Fargo for Interest on checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance - \$1,468.90.
7. Quetzal Tours/FCAS Monthly Field Trips - \$1,684.61 net gain for the 2012 trips.
8. Birdathon 2012 status: \$1,075.90.
9. Next CD maturation is 11 November 2013 for \$5,377.18 plus interest.
10. Colorado State Registration filed 26 February 2012.
11. Federal Form 990-N e-filed with IRS on 20 March 2012.
12. 2011 FCAS Annual Financial Report filed with National Audubon Society electronically on 6 December 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday March 17th – Thomas:

- 1. Joann mentioned the deadline.



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B. Report on Legislative Update Meeting – Morgan:

No discussion.

C. Report on Audubon Colorado Council Meeting – Harden:

1. The primary objective of the meeting was to adopt the structure of the Audubon Colorado Council as an independent entity.
2. Ron suggested that Bill send Jean's statement to board members.
3. The elected officers will determine the date of the next Council meeting.

D. Appointment of Delegate to ACC – Thomas:

1. Ron moved to appoint Bill Miller the FCAS delegate to the Audubon Colorado Council. John Shenot seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Bill will write the ACC bylaws.
3. The board appointed Joann Thomas the FCAS alternate delegate to the Audubon Colorado Council.

E. Bulk Mail Renewal – Waddell:

1. John Waddell proposed removing bulk mail from the budget.
2. FCAS can use PostNet's bulk mailing permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions – Draft Contracts – Miller:

1. Bill is working on the contracts.

B. Rental Storage Unit/Meeting Location – Thomas:

1. Possible meeting locations.
 - a. The church.
 - b. Mulligan's.
 - c. Avery Carriage House.
2. Our application is in to the church.

C. Website – Cobble, Pruessner:

1. Scott C. sent John S. the report form. John wants to see if the form duplicates what field trip leaders are already doing.
2. John Shenot uses ebird to document his birding.
3. The board decided to combine all website discussion under the heading WEBSITE.
4. The board agreed with the motion submitted electronically by Scott Cobble regarding necessary initial changes to the FCAS website with other changes to



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follow.

D. Status of New Computer – Cottingham:

1. Upgraded and ready to go.
2. Susan wants to do a dry run with the overhead.

E. Art Show at Bath Nursery – Thomas.

1. Joann went to the art show two weeks ago. Artists paid for food and drinks. The food just sat.

F. Name Badges – Parker:

1. Continue having people sign in during March, April, and May. Get nametags for those individuals.

G. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

H. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Miller:

1. Scott Cobble asked board members for their 2012 and 2013 data.

I. Update of Board Information Sheet – Cobble:

1. Scott Cobble to send the FCAS contact list to board members.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

No discussion.

B. Finance – Adams:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

1. Northern Colorado Birding Fair meetings occur every two weeks.
2. Lynn Hull helped Joann at the High Plains Environmental Workshop. FCAS made over \$200.
3. Joan to give a hummingbird program at Global Village Museum on March 22nd.
4. A person at the Global Village Museum wants to know if FCAS will do a field trip for Families of employees of the museum.
5. John Shenot to inquire if FCAS can place the FCAS pocket guide in the Museum



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of Discovery bookstore.

6. Joann to discuss Ron's telephone tree at the next program meeting.

D. Conservation – Miller:

1. Bill forwarded a message from Brian Rutledge to the board.

E. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. Scott Cobble will send the field trip report form to John.
2. John has Denise Bretting's monthly surveys and four or five other items scheduled.
3. Contact John if people want to lead field trips around Fort Collins.
4. John wants to have a list of names to lead trips including dates and times.
5. John will see if Connie is charging for her field trips.

F. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Programs 2013:
 - a. March 14 – Arvind Panjabi – RMBO, Director of International Projects.
 - b. April 11th – Eric DeFonso – Galapagos.
 - c. May 9th – Doug Ouren, USGS, Gunnison Sage Grouse (and/or effects of motorized recreation on habitat).
 - d. September 12th – Rob Palmer, Wildlife Photographs – focused on burrowing owls.

G. Publicity – Parker:

No discussion.

H. Website Monitoring – All:

1. Scott Cobble suggested removing Website Monitoring from COMMITTEE REPORTS. Website monitoring discussion could take place in OLD BUSINESS item Website. The Board agreed.

I. Newsletter – All:

Joann and Bill to have a meeting with Carol regarding newsletter issues.

J. Audubon Colorado Legislative Update – Harden:

1. No information was recorded during this discussion.

K. Volunteers – Joann:

1. Joann to clarify her statement regarding volunteers made at the February at the March Program meeting. The statement was just a joke.



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OTHER ITEMS:

1. High Plains Landscape Workshop, February 23.
2. Joann wrote a letter of support for Larimer County's application to GOCO to upgrade Pinewood.
3. Bill wanted to know if there would be interest in having Brian Werner Present at a Program meeting. The general sentiment was no.
4. Bill will send out Jo's fact sheet.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.