



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Scott Cobble, Susan Cottingham, Ron Harden, Jessie Meschievitz, Bill Miller, Hildy Morgan, Louise Parker, Liz Pruessner, John Shenot.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Miller:

Vice-President Parker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

1. Scott requested agenda item Website Monitoring, in COMMITTEE REPORTS, be removed. Subsequent website discussion to occur in agenda item Website in OLD BUSINESS.
2. John Shenot requested that discussion of topics Bill Miller was to lead should occur at the beginning of the meeting, so Bill could leave early.
3. Liz requested adding item Greeley Reporter to section NEW BUSINESS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

None.

MINUTES: March 2013 and April 2013 – Review, Revise and Accept – All:

Both sets of minutes approved as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On April 25, 2013, the checking account balance was \$8,942.41.
2. The Savings account balance was \$3,001.78.
3. The total balance was \$20,197.71.
4. April 2013 expenses included:
 - a. \$49.42 PostNet for mailing the April newsletters.
 - b. \$165.00 to Print It to print the April newsletter.
 - c. \$170.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the April and May newsletters.



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- d. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental April 11.
 - e. \$60.00 to Eric DeFonso for mileage: Boulder to Fort Collins and return.
 - f. \$35.00 National Audubon for one member's renewal.
 - g. \$92.00 to U.S. Post Office for 200 forever stamps.
 - h. \$170.00 to Scott Miller for web site maintenance for March and April.
5. April 2013 receipts include:
- a. \$160.00 from two individuals for Quetzal/FCAS field trip participation.
 - b. \$700.00 from Quetzal Tours for FCAS proportion.
 - c. \$18.00 from John Shenot for sales of three pocket guides.
 - d. \$221.08 from nine memberships: 0 National only, 1 National & Local and 8 local only.
 - e. \$40.00 from donations from 2 persons.
 - f. \$197.22 from US Postal Service for refund of bulk mail account balance.
 - g. \$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 - \$1,640.00 net gain for 2013 trips.
8. Next CD maturation is 11 November 2013 for \$5,377.18 plus interest.
9. Colorado State Registration filed 17 March 2013.
10. Federal Form 990-N e-filed with IRS on 17 March 2013.
11. 2011 FCAS Annual Financial Report filed with National Audubon Society electronically on 6 December 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions – Draft Contracts – Miller:

1. No progress.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

1. No progress.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Scott asked board members to send him their hours and miles.



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D. Website – Cobble, Pruessner:

1. Liz asked and Scott confirmed the board electronically approved the following four initial website changes:
 - a. Change the background color of the website from black to a lighter color.
 - b. Change the color of the text on the website from white to black.
 - c. Format the website so that clicking on a hyperlink results in a full-sized web page appearing rather than a region opening on the site's home page.
 - d. Replace the owl on the website's homepage with a moderately sized color Ptarmigan logo.
2. Further changes to occur:
 - a. Use appropriately titled drop-down menus to increase accessibility to the website's information.
 - b. Remove hyperlinks from the center of the homepage.
 - c. Develop a gallery of images for the front page possibly submitted by members.
 - d. Create a site map.
3. Liz had sent Scott M. an email indicating the board wanted changes made to the website.
4. Jessie asked if Scott M. had the time to do this project. John S. indicated that if he does we can continue, if not then we will have to move on.
5. Liz suggested a deadline and list items by priority.
6. Hildy indicated Nick does not like the website. He does not think the marketing has been successful. He considers the field trips hidden in the website.
7. Bill said Scott M. must know activities are front and center on the website.
8. Scott C. to send Liz analysis of pages on the archived website.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday August 11th – Thomas:

1. Louise mentioned the deadline.

B. ACC Officer Nominations – Miller:

1. Bill thinks the problem is that not enough folks know other chapter members.
2. Ron said chapters do not need to know other chapter's members.
3. Bill wanted to know of Bob Turner's status. Ron does not know if Turner is interested.
4. Ron declined nomination as an officer. He said committee Chairs are already involved in the leadership of the council. Committee chairs should represent all



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of Colorado whereas chapter reps should represent their chapters.

5. The next Audubon Colorado Council is Thursday may 9th.
6. Bill to make an announcement at the May program meeting to see if anyone is interested in an ACC officer position.

C. National Get Outdoors Day Event on June 8 – Miller:

1. Rob Novak of Larimer County Natural Resources wants to know if FCAS is available to have a booth or activity at Spring Canyon Park on June 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2. Liz indicated we do not know how much it will cost. Bill said that perhaps we could ask REI, JAX, and Wildbirds for binoculars.
3. Liz said that if we could come up with something fun then she would participate if Joann was available.
4. Louise said she would donate owl headbands.

D. Pawnee Grasslands Volunteers – Miller:

1. Ken Strom mentioned, in an email, that Kristen Philbrook, a biologist at the Pawnee NG, was looking for volunteers interested in showing up at the Pawnee Buttes area on weekends to try to get visitors to respect the trail closures during raptor nesting for the next few months by informing them why it is important birds to leave undisturbed, by giving folks views of the birds by spotting scope.
2. An announcement will be made at the May program meeting asking for volunteers.

E. Gardens on Spring Creek – Miller:

1. Mary Stonaker indicated the Gardens on Spring Creek would be creating a garden of native plants. They want to work with local groups and businesses to make it an educational birding area perhaps incorporating features of a backyard natural area so people will know how to attract birds and native insects.
2. The Gardens is beginning a fundraising drive.
3. Hildy feels this would be a suitable project for the Gardens to work with FCAS. Hildy will meet with Mary Stonaker.
4. The consensus of the board is it is a worthwhile idea to pursue.
5. Ron indicated we do not want to prevent other funding ideas.
6. Liz suggested placing a blurb in the October newsletter to see if anyone wants to help with ideas.

F. Greeley Reporter – Miller:

1. Concerns an article a Greeley reporter is working on regarding shooting on the Pawnee



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National Grasslands and birders.

2. The reporter wants an opinion from FCAS.
3. Liz wondered if we should write an opinion.
4. Ron and John S. suggested we talk with the reporter.
5. Rangers do not want people shooting.
6. Perhaps encourage people not to shoot near the birding trail.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. 751 NAS members.
2. 147 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 110 FCAS members.
4. 1008 total members.
5. 30 Complimentary Members.
6. Mailed out newsletters are steady.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

No discussion.

D. Conservation – Miller:

No discussion.

E. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. John wants to be sure it is ok during the program meetings to spend time discussing fundraising trips. Nick asked John to do this as a fundraiser for FCAS rather than Nick pumping his business. The board said it was ok.
2. Hildy said we need people who can change days, Sat to Sun or vice versa.
3. John placed corrections of dates into the newsletter.
4. The Sylvan dale trip will change. Liz can send an email blast with corrections.

F. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Programs confirmed through November.



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2. Programs 2013:

- a. May 9th – Doug Ouren, USGS, “Gunnison Sage Grouse: The Crawford Population, Habitat Use and Movement Study.”
- b. September 12th – Rob Palmer, Wildlife Photographs – focused on burrowing owls.
- c. October 10th – Nathaniel Warning and Lauryn Benedict, University of Northern Colorado – Canyon wrens and Rock wrens in the northern Colorado foothills; life history, territory, and song characteristics.
- d. November 14th – Ann Reichardt with Slide show of trip to Guatemala with Nick Komar.

3. Plan B in place if the May guest has to cancel. Joann’s hummingbird discussion would work.

4. Programs confirmed

G. Publicity – Parker:

No discussion.

H. Website Monitoring – All:

1. This item removed during agenda review. This item to be permanently deleted from the agenda.

I. Newsletter – All:

No discussion.

J. Audubon Colorado Legislative Update – Harden:

1. 25 people responded to Ron’s request for volunteers for legislative affairs.
2. Ron sent them a thank you for joining the alert.
3. Randy Fisher felt bad he could not support us on an issue.

K. Volunteers – Need a Volunteer Coordinator – Joann:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. Liz to contact Heman regarding items on the front table at Program meetings.
2. Scott C. passed around an example of the Information card with modifications allowing people to indicate if they want email alerts and if they want to volunteer. The consensus was the card could use some fine-tuning.
3. Susan Cottingham to bring cookies to the next program meeting.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.