



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Barb Adams, Scott Cobble, Susan Cottingham, Ron Harden, Bill Miller, Hildy Morgan, Liz Pruessner, Joann Thomas, John Waddell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Thomas:

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

Each board member introduced himself or herself.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

None.

MINUTES: May 2013 and June 2013 – Review, Revise and Accept – Cobble:

The board accepted the May and June minutes as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On June 30, 2013, the checking account balance was \$7,757.67.
2. The Savings account balance was \$3,001.93.
3. The total balance was \$19,698.15.
4. June 2013 expenses include:
 - a. \$16.97 to Margo Butner for refreshments for the May 9th program.
 - b. \$135.00 to Quetzal Tours for field trip expenses.
 - c. \$85.00 to Scott Miller for web site maintenance in May.
5. June 2013 receipts include:
 - a. \$320.00 from four individuals for Quetzal/FCAS field trip participation.
 - b. \$40.00 from two memberships: 0 National only, 0 National & Local and 2 local only.



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- c. \$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 - \$1,290.00 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:

No discussion.

B. Web Site – Cobble/Pruessner:

No discussion.

C. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

D. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Scott asked board members to send him their hours and miles.
2. Scott indicated he used Google Maps to generate round trip mileage and driving times to the Avery Carriage House for board members. However, if board members prefer they can provide those values to Scott.
3. Joann asked Scott to provide her with volunteer and monetary value data so she can present that information at the September program meeting.

E. Update Board Information Sheet – Cobble:

1. The 2013 FCAS Board Contact Information sheet has up to date contact information for all board members and other positions.

F. Photo Contest – Miller:

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G. Membership Form for the Ptarmigan – Cobble:

1. Scott to send the Ptarmigan membership form to board members. Board members to inform Scott if they find issues.

H. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

1. The president of the Native Plant Society is excited to develop a joint field trip with FCAS.
2. Perhaps a series of three trips along the Poudre River in Poudre Canyon as the seasons turn.
3. Planning to begin in September.

I. Water Workshop – Miller:

1. No one from FCAS attended the Workshop.
2. No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1. Joann mentioned the deadline.

B. Gardens at Spring Creek – Morgan:

1. Hildy distributed Gardens at Spring Creek brochures.
2. The Gardens at Spring Creek are planning an expansion.
3. Mary Stonacker, of the Gardens at Spring Creek, wants to know if FCAS would collaborate with them to develop a bird and butterfly garden.
4. We need to have the bird and butterfly plant list ready.
5. Hildy wants to see if the Oplers will endorse the plan.
6. Hildy to put the butterfly list together.
7. Mary Stonacker and Hildy will meet each month to discuss the project.
8. The Gardens want Ft. Collins to certify a section of the Gardens as a natural area.
9. Hildy wants to use solar panels on top of viewing areas. She also discussed the possibility of developing a system where people with smart phones could access information by scanning codes at various stations.
10. The deadline for applying for a Toyota grant is June of 2014.



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C. Crossbills – Thomas:

1. Professor Julie Smith of a liberal arts college in Washington state works on Red Crossbills. She is trying to locate singing/breeding crossbills this summer. She wants to contact birders who get in the field.
2. Joann to forward Smith's email address to Ron, Bill and Nick Komar.

D. Senior Center Contract – Thomas:

1. As long as the FCAS contract with the Senior Center is together, FCAS will have a room for the program meeting.
2. Groundbreaking is in October 2013 at 3 p.m. with a chili cook-off.

E. Fracking on the Pawnee – Cobble:

1. A very complex issue.
2. Extractive companies have mineral rights.
3. Bill said fracking has been around for 60 years. Any policy we would come up with would have no effect.
4. Ron said we could adopt a position so that if something came up we would have a position ready.
5. Barb distributed a handout regarding fracking and earthquakes.
6. Barb will put some information together and present it to the board.
7. Barb is now on the conservation committee.

F. Audubon @ Fortnet.org – Miller:

1. Bill periodically receives these emails and answers them.
2. Susan to contact Kaye Holman regarding Yahoo groups

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. Liz was unable to update NAS roster numbers due to website problems.
2. 149 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 117 FCAS members.
4. 1024 total members.
5. 30 Complimentary Members.
6. Liz to send an email and lots of snail mail to remind people to pay their membership fees.



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B. Finance – Waddell:

1. Not many transactions during June.
2. We did not pay Scott Miller.
3. Joann would like an itemized statement from Scott M. if he does something during the month.

C. Education – Thomas:

1. Joann gives a program a month at Oakridge Senior facility.
2. Birding Fair September 21 and 22.

D. Conservation – Miller:

No discussion.

E. Field Trips – Shenot:

No discussion.

F. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Programs confirmed through November.
2. Programs 2013:
 - a. September 12th – Rob Palmer, Wildlife Photographs – focused on burrowing owls.
 - b. 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.
 - c. November 14th – Ann Reichardt with Slide show of trip to Guatemala with Nick Komar.

G. Publicity – Parker:

1. We will need to help her with publicity.

H. Newsletter – All:

1. Joann mentioned the Ptarmigan deadline is Sunday, August 11th.

I. ACC Update – Harden:

1. Ron mentioned a slate of candidates is complete for ACC. Ron will send around a ballot for a vote of the FCAS delegate.



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J. Newsletter – All:

No discussion.

K. Volunteers – Need a Volunteer Coordinator – Joann:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. Hildy said we have about \$1,500.00 in the Alex Cringan fund. She would like to use some of the money for a scholarship. Revisit this next month.
2. Hildy took a tour of the Baltic. An ornithologist on the tour gave talks about observed birds. Hildy thinks the ornithologist would be a great draw for a fundraiser. Hildy will contact him.

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