



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Barb Adams, Scott Cobble, Ron Harden, Jessie Meschievitz, Bill Miller, Louise Parker, Liz Pruessner, John Shenot, Joann Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Parker:

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

Scott Miller will get the Ptarmigan sent out. If he cannot send it then Liz will send it in an email blast.

MINUTES: October 2013 minutes – Review, Revise and Accept – Cobble:

The board accepted the October 2013 minutes as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On October 31, 2013, the checking account balance was \$7,371.70.
2. The Savings account balance was \$3,002.30.
3. The total balance was \$18,627.52.
4. October 2013 expenses included:
 - a. \$145.00 to Print It for printing the October newsletter.
 - b. \$170.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the October and November newsletters.
 - c. \$166.97 to PostNet for mailing the September and October newsletter.
 - d. \$160.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental on September 12th and October 10th.
 - e. \$85.00 to Scott Miller for maintaining the web site in August.



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- f. \$105.00 to Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch Flood Recovery fund.
5. September 2013 receipts included:
 - a. \$50.00 from two memberships: 0 National only, 0 National & Local, two Local only.
 - b. \$0.06 from Wells Fargo for interest on the checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance - \$1,488.90.
7. Quetzal Tours/FCAS Monthly Field Trips - \$1,475.00 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 for 2012 e-filed with IRS on 17 March 2013.
11. 2012 FCAS Annual Financial Report filed with National Audubon Society electronically on 10 December 2013.
12. Joann said we need a second person, beside John W., to have FCAS checks. Bill Miller has FCAS checks.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

No discussion.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Jessie and Liz provided Scott with their activity data. Barb will do the same.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

1. Native Plant Society has a very limited budget.
2. Joann to try to get together with the president of the Native Plant Society to see if FCAS and the Native Plant Society can present a joint program. If their president will present a program then FCAS will cover the cost for the room.
Jessie to approach the Native Plant Society to see if they are interested in a joint field trip in conjunction with the program. If they are interested then Jessie will inform John Shenot who will then contact their president to discuss a trip.

E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Morgan:

1. Place Hildy's information into the Ptarmigan.
2. John S. suggested a bird list consisting of birds common to the Gardens. John



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to provide a list to the Gardens prior to March.

F. Senior Center – Miller:

1. Bill spoke with Kelly Myer in September. She said she would send Bill a copy of the contract. We have a valid contract.
2. In April, we are booked on the 15th rather than on the second Thursday. That area is being carpeted at the time. Publish that information well in advance of the program.
3. Due to construction, limited parking is available. Consider carpooling. Liz will send that information out.

G. Fracking – Adams:

1. The fracking moratorium passed for all city owned property.
2. USGS published that Oklahoma earthquakes are due to well injections.

H. Letter of Concern – Adams:

1. John Shenot suggested developing a policy that addresses impacts on wildlife such as fracking, road building, noise, emissions, etc.
2. Ron said that if we adopt the letter of concern as chapter policy then we could present it as needed. Place it on the website.
3. Barb to write a policy statement from the Letter of Concern by December. Scott C. to assist.

I. Yahoo Groups – Cottingham:

No discussion.

J. Fundraiser – Morgan:

1. Hildy is not present. As soon as she returns, we will get on this.
2. Louise indicated that Robert Beauchamp will help the Poudre School District with it's curriculum. He also will speak with Louise on how best to spend our scholarship dollars.
3. RMBO is having an event with the Museum of Nature and Science – the attraction is a reenactor of John J. Audubon.
4. Ron suggested placing a blurb on the website about RMBO's Museum activity and mention it at the Program meeting. Inform RMBO that we promoted the museum program.
5. Ask RMBO to help promote our fundraiser.



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K. Use Money from the Alex Cringan Fund – Morgan:

1. Joann spoke with Scott Miller about a matching fund.

L. Local Author Day at JAX – Miller:

1. Bill said we never had an idea of what we were going to do. We are out this year.

M. Provide the Board any Agenda Item Literature Prior to the Meeting – All:

1. The board chose to remove this item from OLD BUSINESS.

N. Notice in the Ptarmigan for Apparel with the FCAS Logo – Harden:

1. Ron suggested placing the notice monthly.
2. The board chose to remove this item from OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday November 17th – Parker:

1. Joann mentioned the deadline.

B. Notice in the Ptarmigan to Include FCAS in Estate Plans – Harden:

1. No further discussion is required on this item.

C. Group Dynamics – Meschievitz:

1. Ron said it is important to realize it is possible to disagree without it being an attack on a fellow board member or impugning their motive.
2. Bill suggested practicing netiquette when communicating by email.
3. John Shenot suggested avoiding the use of sarcasm in emails. Read the message before hitting send. If you are upset, type the message then walk away then come back and send it. Think twice before sending an emotional email.
4. Louise suggested that if a board member has an issue with another board member, take it up with them personally.

D. Alex Cringan Fund- Accompanying Text – Harden:

1. The board approved the Alex Cringan Fund related text on the Ptarmigan Membership Application form.
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E. Audubon Colorado Council – Harden:

1. Bill, at the October 12th ACC meeting, was asked to verify if FCAS would continue its practice of providing \$2.00 per national member to pay for the lobbyist. In addition, Bill was asked if FCAS could provide \$2.00 per chapter-only member to pay for the lobbyist.
2. Bill recommended FCAS send \$2.00 per National and chapter-only member to pay for the lobbyist.
3. Bill moved, seconded by Louise that, “FCAS continue \$2,046 toward the lobbyist fee.” all board members present voted yes.
4. Bill indicated that ACC requires funds to cover expenses such as copying costs. He recommended FCAS pay 1/8 of the \$150 necessary to cover operating expenses.
5. Louise moved, seconded by Liz that, “FCAS donate \$150 to Audubon Colorado Council operating expenses.” The motion passed unanimously.
6. Individuals can also kick in funds.
7. Another item was whether the chapter approved the ACC bylaws.
8. Bill will distribute the ACC minutes.

F. Sylvan Dale Ranch – Request for Letter of Support – Harden:

1. The Sylvandale Experiential Center. A new creation.
2. Ron will send information regarding this to the board.
3. Need this by November 11th.
4. Work on this by email.

G. Defenders of Wildlife – Gray Wolf Delisting Proposal – Miller:

1. Bill voiced concern regarding the Obama administration’s proposal to remove the gray wolf from the federal endangered species list.
2. People have until December 17th to tell the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service what they think about the proposal to lift federal protection for the gray wolf in much of the continental United States.
3. Ron moved, seconded by Liz that, “FCAS comment regarding the delisting of gray wolves from the federal endangered species list.” The motion passed unanimously.
4. Bill is willing to respond on behalf of FCAS regarding the delisting.



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REPORTS Of COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. 755 NAS members.
2. 149 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 119 FCAS members.
4. 1023 Total members.
5. 31 Complimentary members.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

1. One program at the Winslow in Loveland.

D. Web Site – Cobble/Pruessner:

1. Scott C. said he was working on a banner.

E. Conservation – Miller:

No discussion.

F. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. One trip last month.
2. Two trips scheduled for next month.

G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Jessie will do the newsletter article for the potluck dinner. Bill will send Jessie a previous announcement.
2. The potluck will be a standard potluck dinner.
3. Rob Palmer wants to return.
4. Liz moved, seconded by Bill, "To provide Dave Leatherman an honorarium." The motion passed unanimously.
5. Jessie suggested we discuss honorariums.
6. Programs 2013: December 12th – Potluck and Member slide show.



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7. Proposed Programs 2014:

- a. January 9th – Rob Sparks – RMBO – Eastern Screech Owl Citizen Program.
- b. February 13th – David Leatherman – “Food Habits of Colorado Birds.”
- c. March 13th – Eric Odell – Species Research Specialist – CPW – Lynx and Wolverine Conservation in Colorado.

H. Publicity – Parker:

No discussion.

I. Newsletter – All:

1. Be sure to get items in by the November 17th.

J. AC Leg. Update – Harden:

1. Legislative business starts in January 2014.
2. The Public Policy Committee of ACC will have a pre-legislative meeting regarding Bills that may come up. Regular meetings thereafter.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

No discussion.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.