



**FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2013**

ATTENDEES:

Barb Adams, Scott Cobble, Bill Miller, Louise Parker, John Shenot, John Waddell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Parker:

Vice-President Parker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

None.

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

The board accepted the November 2013 minutes as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer’s Report for November 2013 (sent out earlier) – Waddell:

1. On December 2, 2013, the checking account balance was \$4,828.09.
2. The Savings account balance was \$3,002.38.
3. The total balance was \$16,132.71.
4. November 2013 expenses included:
 - a. \$145.00 to Print It for printing the November newsletter.
 - b. \$85.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the December newsletter.
 - c. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental on November 14th.
 - d. \$22.67 to Castillon’s for a meal for Judy Cannon.
 - e. \$300.00 to Colorado State University to reserve room at Drake Center 29 March 2014.
 - f. \$150.00 to Audubon Colorado Council for operating expenses.



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- g. \$170.00 to Scott Miller for maintaining the web site in October and November.
- h. \$2,046.00 to Audubon Rockies for 2014 lobby fee.
- 5. November 2013 receipts included:
 - a. \$110.00 from 4 memberships: 0 National only, 0 National & Local, and 4 Local only.
 - b. \$345.00 from donations from four members.
 - c. \$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 6 December 2013 for \$3,028.23.
- 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 September 2013.
- 12. John cashed in one of the CDs and transferred the funds to the savings account.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

No discussion.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

- 1. Barb provided Scott her mileage data.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

No discussion.

E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Morgan:

- 1. John Shenot is working on a bird list for the Gardens. The list will be on the front and back of a page and will include the ponds. John may have something to show the Gardens by January.



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F. Senior Center – Miller:

1. Bill indicated he has copies of the 2013 and 2014 contracts.
2. The May program meeting is on the 3rd Thursday.

G. Fracking – Adams:

1. Use Whereas statements.
2. John suggested being selective with what goes in whereas statements.
3. Conclude the whereas statements with, be it resolved, leading to the FCAS position statement on hydraulic fracturing on the Pawnee National Grasslands.
4. John Shenot said he would work on the statements.
5. Louise said she would look at the series of statements and write some items down.

H. Letter of Concern – Adams:

1. Do position statements then send the Letter of Concern.

I. Yahoo Groups – Cottingham:

No discussion.

J. Fundraiser – Morgan:

1. Reserved a room at the Drake Center for 29 March 2014.

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

1. Louise contacted the science lady for Poudre School District but has not heard back from her.

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

1. Ron to generate a letter.

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

1. Bill filled out a form that went to the U.S. Register. He will send it to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday November 15th – Parker:

1. Louise mentioned the deadline.



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B. 2014 Elections – Thomas:

1. Bill said he would stand for a Director-at-Large position in addition to the ACC Delegate.

C. Discuss Honorariums – Meschievitz:

No discussion.

REPORTS Of COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. 726 members.
2. 149 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 121 FCAS members.
4. 996 Total members.
5. 37 Complementary members.

B. Finance – Waddell:

1. Bill would like the board to revisit finance and scholarships.

C. Education – Thomas:

1. No discussion.

D. Web Site – Cobble/Pruessner:

1. Scott C. sent an example of a front page for the new FCAS website to the board. The board members present liked it.

E. Conservation – Miller:

No discussion.

F. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. John has ideas for field trips.
2. Prior to a field trip, John Shenot places a prompt on Cobirds.
3. After a field trip, John places trip reports on Facebook.
4. John will get Program meeting attendance so he can ask people to like FCAS on Facebook.



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G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Programs 2013: December 12th – Potluck Dinner and Member slide show.
2. 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:

No discussion.

J. AC Leg. Update – Harden:

No discussion.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

No discussion.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.