



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Scott Cobble, Jessie Meschievitz, Hildy Morgan, Bill Miller, Louise Parker, Liz Pruessner, John Shenot, Joann Thomas, John Waddell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Thomas:

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

1. Newsletter not showing up.

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

The board accepted the December 2013 minutes as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On December 31, 2013, the checking account balance was \$4,944.21.
2. The Savings account balance was \$6,030.61.
3. The total balance was \$16,248.83.
4. December 2013 expenses included:
 - a. \$145.00 to Print It for printing the December newsletter.
 - b. \$119.60 to PostNet for processing the November and December newsletters.
 - c. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental on December 12th.
 - d. \$35.00 to Bisetti's for meals for Lauryn Benedict and Nate Warring (November).
 - e. \$35.37 to King Soopers for coffee, cocoa, cutlery, and plates for December meeting.
 - f. \$29.25 to Canes Chicken for December meeting.



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- g. \$300.00 to Colorado State University to reserve room at Drake Center 29 March 2014.
 - h. \$6.26 to FedEx for printing.
 - i. \$100.00 to Laurence Budd for catering November planning meeting.
 - j. \$70 to National Audubon Society for Putnam and Henderson memberships.
 - k. \$85.00 to Scott Miller for maintaining the web site in December.
5. December 2013 receipts included:
- a. \$1.00 for sale of one checklist.
 - b. \$300.00 donation from Quetzal Tours.
 - c. \$125 from sales of 21 pocket guides.
 - d. \$455.56 from 18 memberships: 0 Nat'l only, 2 Nat'l & Local, and 16 Local only.
 - e. \$365.00 from donations from five members.
 - f. \$0.04 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: \$1,775.00 net gain for 2013 trips.
8. Next CD maturation is 11 November 2015 for \$5,424.01.
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.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

No discussion.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

No discussion.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

- 1. Joann and Bill to come up with something.



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E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Morgan:

1. John Shenot is close to finishing the checklist.
2. Hildy to meet with Stonacker and others to ask for permission so John can scout the different terrains.
3. Hildy to find out what kind of resources they want from FCAS.

F. Senior Center – Miller:

1. Remove from Agenda.

G. Fracking – Adams:

1. A work in progress.
2. The position statement to go to Governor Hickenlooper.
3. The position statement to go to the Oil and Gas Commission.
4. Place the position statement on the website and in the newsletter.
5. John Shenot suggested announcing the board has defined a position statement in addition to posting the first and last paragraphs.

H. Letter of Concern – Adams:

1. Use chapter letterhead.

I. Yahoo Groups – Thomas:

1. Still a viable resource.
2. Could add the membership list to it.
3. Joann to check with the United Way.
4. We could use the newsletter to invite members to sign up to Yahoo Groups.

J. Fundraiser – Morgan:

1. Hildy distributed a handout that included a discussion of each segment.
2. Announcements to go into the February and March newsletters.
3. Hildy to ask about seating and tables.
4. John Shenot and Nick Komar are considering offering a field trip the day after the fundraiser or promoting guided field trips as an additional fundraiser.
5. Finish the last segment around 4:30 p.m. and be out of the facility by 5:00 p.m.
6. Hildy to provide free space for JAX, Wild Birds Unlimited, Gardens at Spring Creek,



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in addition to Nick's Quetzal Tours stuff.

7. Scott asked Hildy to keep an estimate of the amount of time she is spending on the fundraiser.

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

1. Scholarships, find out what we can do to enhance experiences.
2. \$200 for the year.

L. Audubon Colorado Council – Harden:

No discussion.

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

No discussion.

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

1. Remove from the agenda.

O. Elections – Thomas:

1. Take nominations from the floor.
2. Remove from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday January 12th – Thomas:

1. Joann announced the deadline.

B. Discuss Honorariums – Meschievitz:

1. Bill moved, seconded by Hildy that, "FCAS to provide a maximum honorarium of \$100 for one speaker or a maximum honorarium of \$150 for more than one speaker, divided evenly between the speakers."
2. Provide dinner for those individuals who cannot accept an honorarium.

C. High Plains Landscape Workshop – Meschievitz:

1. The workshop is February 22nd.
2. Louise and John Waddell volunteered.



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D. Bath Nursery Bird Festival – Thomas:

1. The festival is February 1st.
2. Joann volunteered. She may ask for additional volunteers.

E. Legislative Forum – Thomas:

1. The legislative forum is February 22nd.
2. Liz to try to attend. Bill probably will attend.
3. Joann will attend the forum.

F. Feral Cat – Cobble:

No discussion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. No report.
2. Liz is sending renewal reminders.
3. Liz is sending appeals to National Audubon members to join Fort Collins Audubon.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

No discussion.

D. Web Site – Cobble/Pruessner:

1. Liz to send the newsletter in the announcement of the newsletter.

E. Conservation – Miller:

1. Joann to ask Barb if she would pick up Conservation and write an article.

F. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. Two trips scheduled for this month.
2. John wants to talk to the Nature Conservancy regarding a trip to Phantom Canyon.
3. John wants to set up a trip to Sunrise Ranch.
4. Joann is doing an eagle trip to Fossil Creek Reservoir.



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G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Proposed Programs 2014:
 - a. February 13th – David Leatherman – What Colorado Birds are Eating.
 - b. March 13th – Eric Odell – Species Research Specialist – CPW – Lynx and Wolverine Conservation in Colorado.
 - c. April 10th – Rick Harness – Travels in Argentina.
 - d. May 15th – (third Thursday in May) – Rob Palmer and Fi Rust – Photographers.

H. Publicity – Parker:

No discussion.

I. Newsletter – All:

No discussion.

J. AC Leg. Update – Harden:

No discussion.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

1. Joann to see if we can get volunteers.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Heman is out of sticker nametags. Liz to purchase sticker nametags.
2. Bill sent the Evergreen Dipper to us.
3. Bill thinks we should do a banquet as a fundraiser rather than the Potluck.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.