



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 06, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Barb Adams, Scott Cobble, Ron Harden, 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 7:08 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

Barb advertises the Spring Fling before her radio program.

MINUTES: January 2014 minutes – Review, Revise and Accept – Cobble:

The board accepted the January 2014 minutes as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer's Report for January 2014 (sent out earlier) – Waddell:

1. On January 31, 2014, the checking account balance was \$5,231.38.
2. The Savings account balance was \$6,030.75.
3. The total balance was \$16,536.14.
4. January 2014 expenses included:
 - a. \$175.00 to Print It for printing the January newsletter.
 - b. \$67.87 to PostNet for processing the January newsletter.
 - c. \$85.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the January newsletter.
 - d. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental on January 9th.
 - e. \$20.00 to National Audubon for Skurat membership.



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5. January 2014 receipts included:
 - a. \$680.00 from 29 memberships: 0 Nat'l only, 1 Nat'l & Local, and 28 Local only.
 - b. \$25.00 from donations from two members.
 - c. \$10.00 from donation from one member to Alex Cringan Memorial Fund.
 - d. \$0.04 from Wells Fargo for interest on the checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance: \$1,498.90.
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.
12. People are using PayPal to renew memberships.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

No discussion.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Joann asked board members to send Scott their data.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

No discussion.

E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Shenot:

1. John Shenot to walk the Garden's property. The checklist is almost complete.

F. Fracking – Adams:

No discussion.



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G. Letter of Concern – Adams:

1. Barb will send the letter of concern to Liz. Liz will place the letter of concern on FCAS Letterhead then send that to the board.

H. Yahoo Groups – Thomas:

Joann to get the computer from Susan Cottingham.

I. Fundraiser – Thomas:

1. John W. paid for Dr. Clarkson's airplane ticket.
2. Barb asked Hildy for the fundraising information.
3. Louise will brainstorm with Hildy.
4. Liz to send an email blast regarding the Spring Fling to our membership.
5. Place fundraiser applications as a loose page in the Ptarmigan.

J. Use Money from the Alex Cringan Fund – Parker:

1. Louise to send a woman money.

K. Audubon Colorado Council – Harden:

1. March 5th is Colorado Rockies day at the state capitol.
2. Bill sent out the minutes of the ACC February 7th meeting.
3. Ron sent around the legislative report.
4. Audubon Rockies wants to get in on the ground floor of the Colorado state water plan in order to influence the plan.

L. Discuss Honorariums – Meschievitz:

1. Remove from agenda.

M. High Plains Landscape Workshop – Thomas:

1. Remove from agenda.

N. Bath Nursery Bird Festival – Thomas:

1. Remove from agenda.

O. Legislative Forum – Thomas:

1. February 22nd in Denver.



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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday February 16th – Thomas:

1. Joann mentioned the deadline.
2. Joann will not be at the March board meeting.

B. Information Card – Cobble:

No discussion.

C. Ptarmigan Membership Application Form – Cobble:

No discussion.

D. Habitat Hero – Thomas:

1. Hildy sent information to everyone regarding Wildscape 101 presented by Audubon Rockies. A blurb appeared in the newspaper.

E. Ads and Rates – Thomas:

1. In process.

F. Banquet as a Fundraiser – Miller:

1. Tabled until March.

G. SueEllen Campbell – Miller:

1. Godwin sent this. Nothing needed.
2. Remove from agenda.

H. NoCo Nature Fest – Thomas:

1. Birding fair morphed into a nature fair so they could invite more groups.
2. The organization will look into possible venues.

I. Insurance – Miller:

1. Our insurance is expiring because the insurance company is not renewing the master policy due to insufficient participation from chapters in the risk purchasing group.
2. Our liability expires March 5.
3. Place on the March agenda.



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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. 751 NAS members.
2. 154 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 125 FCAS members.
4. 1030 Total members.
5. 37 Complementary members.
6. Liz is working on renewals.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

1. Joann did a program at the Winslow.

D. Website – Cobble/Pruessner:

1. Nothing new.

E. Conservation – All:

1. Barb to consider doing a conservation article. She will look at past Ptarmigan articles.

F. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. Two well attended January trips.
2. Two trips scheduled for February.
3. Bill to lead a trip to the Pawnee Grasslands on June 21st.
4. John S. is close to scheduling a private trip to Phantom Canyon Preserve.
5. John got Bob Righter to lead a field trip.

G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Confirmed Programs 2014:
 - a. February 13th – David Leatherman – “Food Habits of Colorado Birds.”
 - b. March 13th – Eric Odell – Species Research Specialist – CPW – Lynx and Wolverine Conservation in Colorado.
 - c. April 10th – Rick Harness – “Patagonia – Condors to Penguins.”



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d. May 15th – Rob Palmer and Fi Rust – Professional wildlife photographers.

H. Publicity – Parker:

1. Louise to work on a poster for the High Plains Workshop and a poster for our program meetings.

I. Newsletter – All:

No discussion.

J. AC Leg. Update – Harden:

1. An Audubon visitation date to the capital is scheduled.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS – All:

The Pawnee gun range is now open.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.