



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 06, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Barb Adams, Scott Cobble, Ron Harden, Jessie Meschievitz, Bill Miller, Louise Parker, Liz Pruessner, 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:

Bill to be a Great-grandfather again.

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

Address the February minutes at the April board meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On March 1, 2014, the checking account balance was \$6,234.07.
2. The Savings account balance was \$6,031.04.
3. The total balance was \$17,539.12.
4. February 2014 expenses included:
 - a. \$175.00 to Print It for printing the February newsletter.
 - b. \$77.15 to PostNet for processing the February newsletter.
 - c. \$85.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the February newsletter.
 - d. \$18.03 to Bisetti's for Dave Leatherman's meal.
 - e. \$50.00 honorarium to Dave Leatherman.
 - f. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental on February 13th.



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- g. \$542.00 reimbursement to Charles Clarkson for airplane ticket, Providence-Denver and return.
 - h. \$41.94 to FedEx Office for copying.
 - i. \$85.00 to Scott Miller for web site maintenance.
5. February 2014 receipts included:
- a. \$1.00 from sale of one checklist.
 - b. \$29.52 from sale of five pocket guides.
 - c. \$170.00 from miscellaneous sales at High Plains Landscape Workshop.
 - d. \$1,256.84 from 61 memberships: 0 Nat'l only, 0 Nat'l & Local, and 61 Local only.
 - e. \$565.00 from donations from six members.
 - f. \$20.00 from donation from one member to Alex Cringan Memorial Fund.
 - g. \$114.40 from two members for Spring Fling.
 - h. \$0.05 from Wells Fargo for interest on the checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance: \$1,518.90.
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 5 March 2014.
10. Federal Form 990-N for 2012 e-filed with IRS on 5 March 2014.
11. 2012 FCAS Annual Financial Report filed with National Audubon Society electronically on 10 September 2013.
12. Paid \$50 to the Gardens at Spring Creek for High Plains Workshop vendor fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

No discussion.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Scott requested any activity data.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:



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No discussion.

E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Shenot:

1. John emailed his report for this.

F. Fracking – Adams:

No discussion.

G. Letter of Concern – Adams:

1. Concerns regarding fracking on the Pawnee Grasslands.
2. Liz added fracking concerns to FCAS letterhead.
3. Louise to send Liz the list of who to send the letter of concern too. The list includes the Governor, state Senators and Representatives, Fort Collins City Council, and Fort Collins City Clerk.
4. The letter should go out under the president's name.
5. Attach the letter of concern to the FCAS position statement. Barb will send the position statement to Liz.
6. The BLM is instituting a new tool.

H. Yahoo Groups – Thomas:

No discussion.

I. Spring Fling Fundraiser – Thomas:

1. The entire Drake Center fee is \$300.
2. Wait until March 14 before cancelling the Spring Fling.
3. Liz to send an email blast about the Spring Fling to members then do a reminder. need to add the price to the email blast.
4. Bill to try to get the Spring Fling onto Cobirds.
5. Liz to send information regarding the Spring Fling to Denver Audubon.
6. Bill to contact Boulder Nature Association about the Spring Fling.
7. Liz suggested handing Spring Fling flyers to people as they come to the March program meeting.

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



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1. Louise has a contact with PSD she can send an application form too.

K. Audubon Colorado Council – Harden:

1. The next meeting is May 17 in Pagosa Springs.
2. Peg Rooney agreed to become the conservation chair of the ACC.
3. The next meeting of the ACC Public Policy Committee is next Friday.

L. Northern Colorado Nature Fest – Thomas:

1. The birding festival may be focusing on environmental learning.

M. Habitat Hero – Thomas:

1. No one wants to do this.

N. Ptarmigan Membership Application Form – Cobble:

1. Insert Wildlife and wildlife habitat or Wildlife/wildlife habitat in the appropriate form.

O. Banquet as a Fundraiser – Miller:

1. Other chapters do this.
2. Possibly during the annual meeting.
3. Louise would vote against this.
4. Send ideas to Bill.

P. Legislative Forum – Thomas:

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday March 16th – Parker:

1. Louise mentioned the deadline.

B. Information Card – Cobble:

1. Send the card to board members for their approval.

C. Ads and Rates – Thomas:

1. A quarter page ad should be at least \$100.
2. Liz moved that we charge at least \$25 per column inch. Barb seconded the motion.



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The motion passed unanimously.

3. Revisit in April.

D. Audubon Rockies Grant – Miller:

1. The deadline was February 28th.
2. Poudre River Fest on May 10th. An attempt to rejuvenate the Poudre River Festival.
3. Liz moved that FCAS participate at the Poudre River fest and have a booth. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. John to send in the registration.

E. Form for Grant Applicants to fill out – Parker:

1. For teachers of PSD.
2. Possible questions for grant applicants to answer:
 - a. Why do you want this grant?
 - b. How will the students benefit from your experience?
 - c. Have you identified the course you want to take?
3. Louise to have something at the next board meeting.

F. Insurance – Miller:

1. Bill has not heard back regarding the insurance.
2. Our insurance is not in effect on March 16th.
3. May have to go back to Colorado Non-profit Association.

G. Poudre River Fest – Miller:

1. Discussed earlier.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. 768 NAS members.
2. 155 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 124 FCAS members.
4. 1047 Total members.
5. 36 Complementary members.



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6. Liz continues to send out renewals.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

No discussion.

D. Website – Cobble/Pruessner:

No discussion.

E. Conservation – All:

1. The board thanked Barb for her article.

F. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. John sent an electronic report.
2. John has scheduled two trips to Soapstone Prairie. Each trip is limited to 12 people. The trips are on a first come, first serve basis. The first date is Friday, May 16. The second date is Saturday, October 11.
3. The Phantom Canyon and Sunrise Ranch trips are yet to be scheduled.
4. Last week John walked the property boundary of the Gardens at Spring Creek. John will finish drafting a checklist in the next couple of weeks.

G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Confirmed Programs 2014:
 - a. March 13th – Eric Odell – Species Research Specialist – CPW – Lynx and Wolverine Conservation in Colorado.
 - b. April 10th – Rick Harness – “Patagonia – Condors to Penguins.”
 - c. May 15th – Rob Palmer and Fi Rust – Professional wildlife photographers.
2. Jessie called the office of Sue Ellen Campbell. A couple people have mentioned her as a presenter.
3. Jessie continues trying to get a presenter for Loveland. Probably not until fall.
4. Mention in April that the May program is on the third Thursday of the month.

H. Publicity – Parker:



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No discussion.

I. Newsletter – All:

No discussion.

J. AC Leg. Update – Harden:

1. Word from Jen is that bill 1033 was an antiregulatory bill. Each time a violation occurred, only a warning would result.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS – All:

A. RMBO is trying to have field trips.

1. Mountain Plover migration.
2. Hawk watch.
3. Ground nesting bird.
4. No charge.
5. Bill to announce at the next program meeting.

B. Poudre River Restoration.

1. The removal of the Josh Ames dam.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.