



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 03, 2014

ATTENDEES:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Parker:

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

None.

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

Approved as written or approved as amended and discussed.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On April 1, 2014, the checking account balance was \$5,862.42.
2. The Savings account balance was \$6,031.04.
3. The total balance was \$17,514.15.
4. March 2014 expenses included:
 - a. \$165.00 to Print It for printing the March newsletter.
 - b. \$51.91 to PostNet for processing the March newsletter.
 - c. \$85.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the March newsletter.
 - d. \$28.58 to Castillon's for Jen Bolton's and Eric Odell's meal.
 - e. \$60.00 to Jen Bolton for mileage.



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- f. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental on March 13th.
 - g. \$57.20 to Joan Skurat for Clarkson Seminar reimbursement.
 - h. \$35.00 to National Audubon for Caswell membership.
 - i. \$85.00 to Scott Miller for web site maintenance.
 - j. \$10.00 to State of Colorado for corporation registration.
 - k. \$25.00 to Sustainable Living for Poudre RiverFest booth registration.
5. March 2014 receipts included:
- a. \$25.00 from Lamar Chamber of Commerce for Ptarmigan ad.
 - b. \$5.00 from sale of one backpack.
 - c. \$10.00 from sale of one Colorado Wildscapes.
 - d. \$6.00 from sale of one pocket guide.
 - e. \$170.00 from miscellaneous sales at High Plains Landscape Workshop.
 - f. \$365.00 from 15 memberships: 0 Nat'l only, 1 Nat'l & Local, and 14 Local only.
 - g. \$100.00 from donations from two members.
 - h. \$0.04 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. The savings account and checking account balances don't add up. They include Pay pal, money in the cash box, the CD, and other miscellaneous items.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

1. Bill said we should have a contract in place for both Scott Miller and Carol Jones. Bill said he or someone else should stop at the IRS office to see what the rules are for contract workers.
2. Joann will look into the contract issue. Joann suggested we should check with other chapters. Joann to email the board with the results.



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B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

1. Bill to email the board with what he has so people can comment.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Joann suggested board members submit their data to Scott.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

1. Bill felt we don't have the time to bring it together. Louise said Liz can send out an email blast to our members.

E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Shenot:

1. John Shenot has a final draft of a checklist. He has not yet shared the results with Spring Creek.
2. If board members approve, he will send them a PDF of the checklist. It contains logos of both the Gardens and FCAS.

F. Fracking/Letter of Concern – Adams/Pruessner:

1. Barb sent a letter to Liz. The process is delayed until Liz returns.
2. Bill to send info regarding a bill in the state legislature.

G. Yahoo Groups – Thomas:

1. Bill thought we were going to keep and enhance Yahoo Groups. Joann to look into it.

H. Alex Cringan Fund Application Forms – Parker:

1. Louise to create a form for the next board meeting.

I. Northern Colorado Nature Fest – Thomas:

1. It was originally the Birding Fair.
2. The last Bill had heard they were considering using Arapaho Bend.

J. Habitat Hero – Thomas:

1. Mention Habitat Hero in the April newsletter.
2. No one is interested in participating.

K. Insurance – Waddell:



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1. Bill sent out a proposal to the board for comments.
2. John Waddell is opposed to it. It is only for Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.
3. Automobile coverage is \$1100.
4. John W. said we could probably do better with the state non-profit insurance. John Shenot he'd like to explore that.
5. John W. to email the state non-profit insurance for them to send us information.

L. Poudre River Fest – Miller:

1. May 10th, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
2. John W., Louise and Scott volunteered. Louise to be in charge.
3. Louise to call for further information.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday April 13th – Jones:

1. Joann mentioned the deadline.

B. Prairie Restoration Project –Adams:

1. Barb's article was very well received.

C. Get Outdoors Colorado Information Only – Thomas:

1. Many organizations are signed up.
2. It is currently free. Joann is concerned it won't remain free.
3. FCAS is registered with it. We can post on it.
4. Joann to send us further information when she finds out more.

D. Retire Agenda items if no Action for Three Months – Thomas:

1. Bill would maintain a tickler list.
2. After three months, if no action, push the item onto a tickler list.
3. Poudre River Fest on May 10th. An attempt to rejuvenate the Poudre River Festival.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

No discussion.



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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. No date for Phantom Canyon.
2. Denise wants to lead a trip to Sylvan Dale.
3. Bill to send an announcement for the Pawnee Grasslands.
4. John Shenot cannot make the April program meeting.
5. John Shenot wants to make sure all members receive their newsletters so he can go into first come first serve mode.
6. He has four sign-ups for the May Soapstone trip.
7. Boulder gets four spaces. John is holding eight spaces for our members and four for Boulder Audubon members.

G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Confirmed Programs 2014:
 - a. April 10th – Rick Harness – “Patagonia – Condors to Penguins.”
 - b. May 15th – Rob Palmer and Fi Rust – Professional wildlife photographers.
2. Potential speakers and/or subjects Fall 2014.
 - a. Steve Jones – Birding State Parks.
 - b. Dr. Amy Grant, USDA, Rabies in Northern Colorado Skunks.
 - c. John Willer – Photographer and author of recent book, “The Last Ocean”.
 - d. Herpetology – The Center for Snake Conservation.
 - e. Sue Campbell – Author, “Face of the Earth”, not available until 2015.



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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 – All:

1. Scott said no access yet to Watson.
2. Bill mentioned that Idea Wild is holding a black tie bingo.

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