



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 01, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Barb Adams, Scott Cobble, Ron Harden, Bill Miller, Louise Parker, Liz Pruessner, John Shenot, Joann Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Thomas:

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

1. Joann requested the addition of Naked and Scared in NEW BUSINESS.
2. Bill requested the addition of Platte River in NEW BUSINESS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

Scott announced that Watson State Wildlife Area opened on May 1st.

MINUTES: April 3, 2014 minutes – Review, Revise and Accept – Cobble:

Accepted as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On April 26, 2014, the checking account balance was \$5,899.13.
2. The Savings account balance was \$6,031.20.
3. The total balance was \$17,234.34.
4. April 2014 expenses included:
 - a. \$145.00 to Print It for printing the April newsletter.
 - b. \$61.53 to PostNet for processing the April newsletter.
 - c. \$170.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the April and May newsletters.
 - d. \$97.85 to Jessie Meschievitz for the purchase of 1,000 cups.
 - e. \$21.23 to Mount Everest Cafe for Rick Harness' meal.



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- f. \$160.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental on April 10th and May 8th.
 - g. \$35.00 to National Audubon for Myres membership.
 - h. \$170.00 to Scott Miller for web site maintenance in March and April.
5. April 2014 receipts included:
- a. \$185.60 from sale of 48 pocket guides.
 - b. \$461.00 from 22 memberships: 0 Nat'l only, 1 Nat'l & Local, and 21 Local only.
 - c. \$150.00 from donations to Alex Cringan Memorial Fund from two members.
 - d. \$0.04 from Wells Fargo for interest on the checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance: \$1,668.90.
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.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

- 1. Joann has not talked to the IRS.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

- 1. Remove from the agenda.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

- 1. Joann asked board members to submit their data to Scott.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

No Discussion.

E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Shenot:

- 1. John Shenot polished up the Spring Creek checklist and gave it to people at the Gardens. They are happy with the checklist.
- 2. Joann sent a letter to the Gardens indicating FCAS would send the Gardens \$100.



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3. Make sure the Gardens receives the check.
4. John Shenot spoke with the E-bird coordinator about turning the Gardens into a hot spot.

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

1. Liz has not sent the letter yet. She needs the list of people FCAS intends to send the letter to.

G. Yahoo Groups – Thomas:

1. Joann to try to contact Deborah Holman to see what she can learn from Deborah about Yahoo Groups.

H. Alex Cringan Fund Application Forms – Parker:

1. About three weeks ago, an email appeared through PSD about available grants. Louise to contact the woman that does the grants.

I. Northern Colorado Nature Fest – Thomas:

1. Not sure where the nature fest will be held.
2. Bill heard they were considering using Arapaho Bend.

J. Insurance – Miller:

1. John Waddell was going to check on insurance.
2. Ron indicated we need general liability coverage as well as Directors and Officers coverage.

K. Poudre River Fest – Parker:

1. May 10th at Legacy Park.
2. Booths will be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
3. Set-up can begin at 11 a.m.
4. Louise to contact high schools regarding Key Clubs. The organizers of the event have asked for volunteers.

L. Retire Agenda Items if no Action occurs for Three Months – Thomas:

No discussion.



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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Platte River – Miller:

1. The issue is Governor Hickenlooper's State Water Plan.
2. John Bartholow, of Save The Poudre: Poudre Waterkeeper, contacted Bill in hopes that FCAS would improve and be a signatory to a resolution regarding a component of the State Water Plan, specifically the South Platte/Metro Basin Implementation Plan. So far, there is no evidence the statewide environmental community is holding much sway.
3. A short public comment period on the draft South Platte Implementation Plan is expected. Consequently, FCAS was sent the draft resolution. As a local conservation group in the Poudre Basin, FCAS is being asked to help improve the resolution and make sure comments are well targeted.
4. A number of organizations in the Poudre basin have been contacted regarding the implementation plan.

B. Naked and Afraid – Meltdown in Bolivia – Thomas:

1. This is regarding a program that appeared on The Discovery Channel. On the program a so-called survivalist caught and ate an endangered raptor.
2. Rick Harness will write a letter to the The Discovery Channel regarding the issue.
3. Joann to send Rick's email to the board.
4. At the very least, the program should have a specialist on endangered species.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. Liz sent out the membership report.
 - a. 793 NAS members.
 - b. 158 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
 - c. 127 FCAS Members.
 - d. 1078 Total Members.
 - e. 36 Complementary Members.
2. The newsletter is at PostNet and will go out tomorrow. PostNet has new management.
3. Liz to emphasize in her email announcement of the newsletter, the date of the programs. She will try to reach membership stragglers.

B. Finance – Waddell:



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No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

1. Joann did a bird show on the birds of Ecuador at the Double Nickel Lunch, at her church.

D. Website – Cobble/Pruessner:

1. Scott Miller posted the newsletters and field trips. John Shenot to keep Scott Miller posting new items as they occur.

E. Conservation – All:

1. Remove Bill's name as Conservation Chair on the first page of the agenda and in its place insert (vacant).

F. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. John Shenot spoke with Susan Cottingham to get permission to manage control of the FCAS Facebook page.
2. The FCAS field trips were poorly attended.
3. Six field trips are scheduled for May and June then John Shenot will take a break for the Summer.
4. Two or three slots remain open for the May Soapstone trip.

G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Confirmed Programs 2014:
 - a. May 15th – Rob Palmer and Fi Rust – Professional wildlife photographers.
2. Steve Jones is considering a presentation in Loveland. Possible venues for Loveland programs:
 - a. Chilson Center.
 - b. Library.
 - c. Senior Center.
 - d. Museum.
3. 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".



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- d. Herpetology – The Center for Snake Conservation.
- e. Sue Campbell – Author, “Face of the Earth”, not available until 2015.

H. Publicity – Parker:

No discussion.

I. Newsletter – All:

No discussion.

J. AC Leg. Update – Harden:

1. As Jen predicted, pieces of legislation are under control.
2. ACC is having a quarterly meeting in Pagosa Springs. The meeting is at the Hershey Ranch on Saturday, May 17th.
3. ACC is trying to do things as were done back in the Colorado Audubon Council days.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS – All:

1. Ron suggested that at some point we ought to look at why the Spring Fling failed.
2. Liz mentioned that a couple people have responded to the application form on the back of the Ptarmigan indicating a desire to volunteer.
3. We will meet an early in June to discuss the future of the chapter.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.