



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 05, 2014

ATTENDEES:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alison Holoran, Executive Director of Audubon Rockies.

CALL TO ORDER – Thomas:

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

Everyone introduced herself or himself.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

1. May minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

1. Alison Holoran said grant money up to \$4,000.00 is available.

MINUTES: May 1, 2014 minutes – Review, Revise, and Accept – Cobble:

Approve in July.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On May 31, 2014, the checking account balance was \$5,610.24.
2. The Savings account balance was \$6,031.50.
3. The total balance was \$16,945.75.
4. May 2014 expenses included:
 - a. \$145.00 to Print It for printing the May newsletter.
 - b. \$75.00 to Rob Palmer for speaker fee.
 - c. \$75.00 to Fi Rust for speaker fee.
 - d. \$50.94 to Bisetti's for Rob Palmer and Fi Rust meals.
 - e. \$300.00 to Audubon Colorado Council as a donation.
 - f. \$128.00 to Postmaster for annual PO Box fee.



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5. May 2014 receipts included:
 - a. \$50.00 from Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition for newsletter advertising.
 - b. \$80.00 from three memberships: 0 Nat'l only, 0 Nat'l & Local, and 3 Local only.
 - c. \$300.00 from donations from one member.
 - d. \$0.05 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 plus interest.
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. John said he sends \$85.00 to both Carol Jones and Scott Miller each month.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

No Discussion.

B. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Board members to submit their data to Scott C.
2. Joann and Scott C. to determine the current monetary value of the hours and miles.

C. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

1. Joann and the president of the Native Plant Society communicate via voice mail.

D. Gardens at Spring Creek – Shenot:

1. FCAS donated \$100 to the Gardens at Spring Creek.

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

1. Barb sent Liz a complete list of where to send the position statement.
2. Liz has sent the position statement to a number of individuals and organizations.

F. Yahoo Groups – Thomas:

No discussion.



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G. Alex Cringan Fund Application Forms – Parker:

1. Louise to have the form by August.

H. Northern Colorado Nature Fest – Thomas:

No discussion.

I. Insurance – Waddell:

1. John Waddell to look into further.

J. Poudre River Fest – Parker:

1. A bust, it rained.

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

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request that FCAS Host the August 16th ACC Meeting – Harden:

1. Would involve finding a place to meet.
2. Have refreshments mid-morning and afternoon with breaks.
3. Consider offering to house ACC members traveling from long distances.
4. Ron moved, seconded by Bill that, “FCAS host the August 16th ACC meeting”. The motion passed with seven members voting yes, one member voting no, and one member abstaining.
5. Possible meeting locations:
 - a. TAMASAG costs \$200 per day.
 - b. Primrose Studio.
 - c. Sylvandale.

B. May 17th Audubon Colorado Council Meeting Report – Miller:

1. Pagosa Springs hosted. The meeting was held at the 2,200 acre Hershey ranch.
2. Chapter reports were submitted.
3. All chapters are invited to send a rep (not necessarily the ACC rep) to the water committee; all levels of expertise are welcome.
4. Advantages of Yahoo Groups approach:



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- a. Administrators of the list can update it and all will have immediate access to the updates without any individual effort.
 - b. Will simplify communications.
 - c. Any member will be able to send the entire group a message using an email address.
 - d. Subgroups of the list will eventually be created for other uses.
 - e. Yahoo Groups can create archives.
5. Eventually develop a website.
 6. The Conservation Committee's focus initially will be the State Water Plan and the CPW Wildlife Action Plan.

C. Invite Jo Evans to Discuss Water Issues at a Program Meeting – Harden:

1. The board can attend dinner with Jo Evans prior to the program meeting.

D. JAX Local Author Day 11/8/2014 – Miller:

1. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2. Joann and Scott C. volunteered.
3. Water Law book by Jo Evans.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. No report.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No Discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

No Discussion.

D. Website – Cobble/Pruessner:

No Discussion.

E. Conservation – All:

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F. Field Trips – Shenot:



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1. The Soapstone trip was cancelled. The city rescheduled the trip for Wednesday, June 18th. Six have signed up with six slots remaining. Liz to send an email blast.
2. More and more people are checking the FCAS Facebook page.

G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Potential Programs Fall 2014:
 - a. Karen Green, Executive Director, Zoological Discovery Center.
 - b. Steve Jones – birding the State Parks. He would be willing to speak in Loveland.
 - c. Dr. Amy Grant, USDA, Rabies in Northern Colorado.

H. Publicity – Parker:

1. Jessie is willing to handle publicity.

I. Newsletter – All:

1. Letter to membership in July.

J. ACC Leg. Update – Harden:

1. Discussed earlier.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

1. Joann asked Ron if he could come up with something volunteers could do.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS – All:

The July meeting is on July 10th.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.