



**FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 04, 2014**

**ATTENDEES:**

Scott Cobble, Ron Harden, Liz Pruessner, John Shenot, Joann Thomas.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None.

**CALL TO ORDER – Thomas:**

The meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS – All:**

None.

**AGENDA REVIEW – All:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:**

President Thomas announced the Ptarmigan deadline – December 14.

**MINUTES OF: September thru December 2014 – Review, Revise, and Accept – Cobble:**

Approve September thru December minutes in January.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

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

1. On November 30, 2014, the checking account balance was \$4,177.80.
2. The Savings account balance was \$6,032.40.
3. The total balance was \$15,222.73.
4. November 2014 expenses included:
  - a. \$1.00 for sale of two checklists.
  - b. \$6.00 for sale of one Pocket Guide.
  - c. \$145 to Print It for printing the November newsletter.
  - d. \$13.76 to LuLu Asian Bistro for Amy Gilbert meal.
5. November 2014 receipts included:
  - a. \$110.00 from zero NAS/FCAS memberships and five FCAS memberships.
  - b. \$330.00 from donations from two members.



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- c. \$0.03 from Wells Fargo for interest on the checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance: \$1,668.90.
7. Next CD maturation is 11 November 2015 for \$5,424.01 plus interest.
8. Colorado State Registration filed 5 March 2014.
9. Federal Form 990-N for 2012 e-filed with IRS on 5 March 2014.
10. 2013 FCAS Annual Financial Report filed with National Audubon Society electronically on 5 October 2014.
11. Checking account now below \$5,000.00. John to transfer funds from Savings into Checking account.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Insurance – Waddell:**

1. John sent in the forms in October.

##### **B. Fossil Creek Natural Area Bird Checklist – All:**

1. Nick is working on the checklist.
2. Nail down payment when checklist is done.

##### **C. Post Board Meeting Minutes to the Website – Cobble:**

1. Scott C's computer is up.
2. Will send the 2012 – 2014 minutes to Scott M. when the Sep. – Dec. 2014 minutes have been approved as written.

##### **D. Christmas Bird Count – All:**

1. Fort Collins CBC is Saturday, December 20. Tom Hall is the coordinator. Do not know yet where the compilation dinner is – possibly RMBO.
2. Loveland CBC is Thursday, January 1, 2015. Nick is the coordinator. The compilation dinner is at Sylvandale.
3. The Rawhide CBC is Friday, December 26. Doug Kibbe is the coordinator. Unknown if there will be a compilation dinner.

##### **E. Annual Report – Pruessner:**

1. Liz submitted the report.
2. The report shows as submitted, shown on the NAS website.



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**F. Recruitment Strategy – Harden:**

1. it is gratifying the leadership issue is solved for 2015.
2. Continue actively pursuing new board members.
3. Look for potential board recruits at the Potluck dinner.
4. People at program meetings are potential candidates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Forest Service to Allow Accessing Mineral Resources – All:**

1. Deadline for objections is January 20, 2015.
2. We will not comment.
3. Won't allow leasing on Pawnee Buttes. Hopefully, no more roads.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**A. Membership – Pruessner:**

1. 697 NAS members.
2. 162 dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 134 FCAS members.
4. 993 total members.
5. 36 Complementary members.
6. Liz will have an article in the January Ptarmigan reminding members to renew memberships.

**B. Finance – Waddell:**

No discussion.

**C. Education – Thomas:**

1. Joann wants to know if we can use the GBBC in some way. Possible use it as a recruitment vehicle.
2. Perhaps Monitor an area.
3. Possibilities:
  - a. Nix Farm.
  - b. Discovery Science Museum.
  - c. The Gardens at Spring Creek.



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4. Joann to contact the three sites to determine willingness to participate.
5. John S. wants to feature this in the January newsletter and discuss the process at the February program meeting.
6. Figure out how much of a volunteer effort.
7. Pick a day and time.

**D. Website – Cobble/Pruessner:**

1. John Shenot's goal for the website is that people can get information.

**E. Conservation – All:**

No discussion.

**F. Field Trips – Shenot:**

1. Denise's Bobcat Ridge Survey.
2. Christmas Bird Counts.
3. John to place something on the calendar.

**G. Programs – Meschievitz:**

1. Potluck Dinner in December.
2. Rick Harness scheduled for the January 8, 2015 meeting.
3. Eric DeFonso scheduled for February 12.
4. Joann to ask Dave Leatherman if he will be part of a fundraiser.

**H. Publicity – Meschievitz:**

1. Jessie is doing publicity.

**I. Newsletter – All:**

1. Liz to follow-up with Post Net to determine if paper newsletter was sent.

**J. ACC Leg. Update – Harden:**

1. Public Policy Committee meeting December 5.
2. At the ACC meeting, chapters wanted a report to determine whether chapters will be protected if the lobby fee is raised.

**K. Volunteers – Thomas:**

No discussion.



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**OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS – All:**

1. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Ptarmigan deadline – December 14.
  - b. Bath Avian Bird Days: January 31.
  - c. Potluck Dinner: have room by 6:00 p.m. and be out by 9:00 p.m.
  - d. GBBC: February 13 – 16.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.