



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Scott Cobble, Susan Cottingham, Ron Harden, Jessie Meschievitz, Bill Miller, Liz Pruessner, John Shenot, Joann Thomas, John Waddell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Miller:

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

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

None.

MINUTES: March 7, 2013 – Review, Revise and Accept – All:

The board to review the March minutes in May.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer's Report for March 2013 (sent out earlier) – Waddell:

1. On April 2, 2013, the checking account balance was \$8533.54.
2. The Savings account balance was \$3001.00.
3. The total balance was \$19985.98.
4. March 2013 expenses included:
 - a. \$52.67 to PostNet for mailing the March newsletters.
 - b. \$165.00 to Print It to print the March newsletter.
 - c. \$85.00 to Carol Jones for preparing the March newsletter.
 - d. \$80.00 to Fort Collins Senior Center for room rental March 14th.
 - e. \$20.61 to Jesse Meschievitz for cookies for the program meeting.
 - f. \$120.00 to John Vanderpoel for leading a field trip.



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- g. \$95.00 to Nick Komar for leading a field trip.
 - h. \$96.54 to Amazon.com for Windows 7 software.
 - i. \$20.00 to National Audubon for Mary Davis new membership.
 - j. \$10.00 to State of Colorado for annual corporation renewal.
 - k. \$685.00 to Pachner & Associates for insurance.
 - l. \$1434.00 to Audubon Rockies: Colorado for lobby fee.
 - m. \$40.00 to Scott Cobble for shelving to store records.
5. March 2013 receipts include:
- a. \$560.00 from seven individuals for Quetzal/FCAS field trip participation.
 - b. \$286.08 from 12 memberships: 0 National only, 1 National & Local and 11 local only.
 - c. \$100.00 from donations from 1 person.
 - d. \$0.07 from Wells Fargo for Interest on checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance - \$1,468.90.
7. Quetzal Tours/FCAS Monthly Field Trips - \$780.00 net gain for 2013 trips.
8. Birdathon 2012 status: \$1,075.90.
9. Next CD maturation is 11 November 2013 for \$5,377.18 plus interest.
10. Colorado State Registration filed 17 March 2013.
11. Federal Form 990-N e-filed with IRS on 17 March 2013.
12. 2011 FCAS Annual Financial Report filed with National Audubon Society electronically on 6 December 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions – Draft Contracts – Miller:

- 1. Bill is working on the contracts.

B. Meeting Location – Thomas:

- 1. Joann said that if the church does not work out we should consider the Avery House.

C. Website – Cobble, Pruessner:

- 1. Scott requested the modification of the agenda so a single website agenda item is listed in future agendas.
- 2. John Shenot wants trips listed on the website before summer or fall.



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3. Susan wants to list trips and programs on the FCAS Facebook page.

D. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

E. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Joann asked board members to submit their hours and mileage to Scott.

F. Update of Board Information Sheet – Cobble:

1. Joann pointed out errors on the information sheet. Scott to correct the errors.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday April 14th – Thomas:

1. Joann mentioned the deadline.

B. Report on Legislative Update Meeting – Morgan:

No discussion.

C. Audubon Colorado Council Issues – Harden:

1. Joann said that Ron is the committee chair of the Public Policy Committee.
2. Joann requested that Ron explain, at the April program meeting, the organizational structure of the ACC and its committees.
3. Ron will give an oral report at the program meeting to describe the functions of the committees. Joann will present an organizational chart.
4. Ron discussed communication issues inside the ACC. Bill said the ACC is experiencing growing pains.
5. Ron said to expect a state alert regarding SB181. NAS to send the alert for us to all Colorado members signed up to receive the National action alerts. SB181 is the Colorado Water Conservation Board Projects bill. We support the bill, but a House Agriculture Committee Report would strip out of the bill language allowing use of construction fund money to purchase in-stream flow rights to “improve”, not just maintain, the environment. In-stream flow (water left in the stream) is extremely important for wildlife habitat. In addition, let chapter members know to sign up for the alerts.

D. Newsletter Issues – Thomas/Harden:

1. Joann distributed to board members a sheet containing text from emails from Ron, Bill, and Carol regarding an article written by Ron. Ron indicated concern his article was blocked. Joann indicated concern the membership did not have sufficient



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information regarding the Audubon Colorado Council to fully understand Ron's article. Ron read a statement at the board meeting stating his belief the article was a clear explanation of Audubon Colorado Council, why it is of benefit to the chapters, what its functioning committees are and what they do, and how Audubon Colorado Council will relate to the other components of Audubon – and benefit from that. Ron also raised the issued regarding the degree of discretion our editor has. Liz said a possible way to address the impasse is to put the entire article on the FCAS Facebook a forum where Ron can reach the membership. Ron will resubmit his article to Carol who will edit it then send the edited article to Ron for his inspection.

E. Photo Contest – Miller:

1. Decide who is eligible to participate.
2. Do we include both color and black and white categories?
3. Jessie wondered that if we bring in professional photographers as judges, if they'll participate without compensation.
4. Liz suggested asking Denver Audubon how they do their photo contest. Also, we should keep the contest simple and charge a fee per image.
5. John Shenot discouraged using the contest as a replacement for the Birdathon. Instead, use the contest as a way to maximize participation, fun, photography field trips, and possibly a source of images for the newsletter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

1. 739 NAS members.
2. 145 Dual NAS and FCAS members.
3. 116 FCAS members.
4. 1000 total members.
5. 30 Complimentary Members.
6. The Join option on the website works well to renew.
7. Liz will send out more notices for people to renew.
8. Liz to send out the electronic blast for the April newsletter.
9. Liz, at the April program meeting, will mention the trip she took.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

1. No electronic education report was distributed.



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D. Conservation – Miller:

No discussion.

E. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. Six trips are lined up for April. John Shenot to discuss these at the April program meeting.
2. No one has offered to lead trips.
3. The discussion period at the March program meeting regarding what birds people saw was a winner.

F. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Programs 2013:
 - a. April 11th – Eric DeFonso – “Why the Galapagos Matter.”
 - b. May 9th – Doug Ouren, USGS, “Gunnison Sage Grouse: The Crawford Population, Habitat Use and Movement Study.”
 - c. September 12th – Rob Palmer, Wildlife Photographs – focused on burrowing owls.
 - d. October 10th – Nathaniel Warning and Lauryn Benedict, University of Northern Colorado – Canyon wrens and Rock wrens in the northern Colorado foothills; life History, territory, and song characteristics.
 - e. November 14th – Ann Reichardt and Slide show of trip to Guatemala with Nick Komar.
2. Plan B in place if the May guest has to cancel. Joann’s hummingbird discussion would Work.

G. Publicity – Parker:

No discussion.

H. Website Monitoring – All:

1. Scott requested dropping this item from future agendas. Discuss this issue in the Website agenda item. The board agreed.

I. Newsletter – All:

1. Discussed earlier.

J. Audubon Colorado Legislative Update – Harden:

1. Discussed earlier.

K. Volunteers – Joann:

1. Get a list of people willing to contact legislators.



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OTHER ITEMS:

No discussion.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.