



FORT COLLINS AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Barb Adams, Scott Cobble, Susan Cottingham, Ron Harden, Bill Miller, Hildy Morgan, Louise Parker, John Shenot, John Waddell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER – Parker:

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

INTRODUCTIONS – All:

None.

AGENDA REVIEW – All:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – All:

Sue Miller is getting better.

MINUTES: July 2013 and August 2013 minutes – Review, Revise and Accept – Cobble:

1. The board accepted the July 2013 minutes as revised.
2. The board accepted the August 2013 minutes as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

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

1. On August 31, 2013, the checking account balance was \$8,364.54.
2. The Savings account balance was \$3,002.08.
3. The total balance was \$19,620.14.
4. August 2013 expenses included.
 - a. \$177.78 for two trophies, printing, and Fed-Ex for Publicity.
5. August 2013 receipts included:
 - a. \$0.06 from Wells Fargo for interest on checking account.
6. Alex Cringan Memorial Fund balance - \$1,488.90.
7. Quetzal Tours/FCAS Monthly Field Trips - \$1,475.00 net gain for 2013 trips.



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8. Next CD maturation is 11 November 2013 for \$5,377.18 plus interest.
9. Colorado State Registration filed 17 March 2013.
10. Federal Form 990-N for 2012 e-filed with IRS on 17 March 2013.
11. 2011 FCAS Annual Financial Report filed with National Audubon Society electronically on 6 December 2012.
12. Scott Miller submitted an invoice for August 2013. Balance due \$85.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Paid Positions (Draft Contracts) – Miller:

1. Louise asked if Bill could have the contracts finished by December. Yes.

B. Rights of Nature – Miller:

No discussion.

C. Volunteer Hours & Mileage – Cobble:

1. Louise asked board members to submit their data to Scott.

D. Native Plant Society – Miller/Thomas:

1. Someone should contact the Native Plant Society.
2. Potential for three field trips.

E. Gardens at Spring Creek – Morgan:

1. Mary Stonacher, who was gone in August, said she heard someone from Audubon would develop a bird list.
2. Hildy thought FCAS could possibly develop a form of the Larimer County bird list.
3. Ron suggested doing a survey of the Gardens to develop a list.

F. Senior Center – Miller:

No discussion.

G. Fracking – Adams:

1. Scott presented the following:
 - a. An image showing light pollution from flaring of natural gas in the Bakken shale play in northwestern North Dakota.
 - b. An image showing light pollution from suspected flaring occurring just south of the



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Wyoming border, in the Niobrara shale play.

- c. A Google map showing no community that is both southeast of Cheyenne and just south of the Wyoming border is large enough to produce the amount of light pollution occurring from suspected flaring in the Niobrara shale play.
2. Scott to send the board the URL of the video from which the flaring images were captured.
 - a. The url is:
<http://www.nationofchange.org/skytruth-tracks-fracking-edge-space-1377703479>

H. Yahoo Groups – Cottingham:

1. Consider at the October board meeting.
2. Bill said he uses Yahoo Groups and it would be nice if more people would sign up to it.

I. Letter of Concern – Adams:

1. Bill suggested doing some word smithing to make the letter into a position statement emphasizing concern with methane leakage.
2. Ron agreed with creating a position statement to have available.
3. Liz agreed with word smithing the letter. Liz asked Barb to send the letter to everyone.

J. Fundraiser – Morgan:

1. Louise suggested not discussing the fundraiser until October when Joann is present.
2. Hildy handed out two sheets:
 - a. A proposal with organizational details including a budget.
 - b. A biography of Dr. Clarkson along with benefits of attending the seminar.

K. Use Money from the Alex Cringan Fund – Morgan:

1. Hildy feels we could have offered two \$500 stipends to teachers.
2. Ron asked if there was a way to replenish the fund.
3. We have funded mass efforts to send students to the Environmental Learning Center. Ron would prefer one or two students have an immersive experience.
4. Bill said we should develop a plan for funding.
5. Hildy said we need a planning session. Bill said NAS requires FCAS conduct a strategic planning session.
6. Bill mentioned that Lisa Evans was Education Coordinator for Division of Wildlife.



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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ptarmigan Deadline – Sunday September 15th – Parker:

1. Louise mentioned the deadline.

B. Local Author Day at JAX on November 9th – Miller:

1. We need to commit by September 30th.
2. Participated for several years.
3. Bill said we sell Colorado Wildscapes and Birds of Northern Colorado if we participate in the Local Author Day.

C. Send Information to Board Members Prior to Presenting at Board Meetings – Parker:

1. For future agendas, include the agenda items and any available associated literature.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Membership – Pruessner:

No discussion.

B. Finance – Waddell:

No discussion.

C. Education – Thomas:

No discussion.

D. Web Site – Cobble/Pruessner:

1. Making progress.

E. Conservation – Miller:

1. Bill mentioned there are a number of nature organizations in Fort Collins. We need to find out if any conservation projects are happening in Fort Collins in which we want to participate.
2. Hundreds of causes. How to get people involved.
3. Bill asked John S. to send him the URLs related to John's discussion of Timnath park and Windsor Lake.

F. Field Trips – Shenot:

1. The September Bobcat Ridge Survey.



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2. John has a trip planned for Watson in September.
3. The October Bobcat Ridge Survey.
4. John S. is considering how to build field trips into Hildy's seminar plan.

G. Programs – Meschievitz:

1. Programs 2013:
 - a. 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.
 - b. November 14th – Ann Reichardt with slide show of trip to Guatemala with Nick Komar.
 - c. December 12th – Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

H. Publicity – Parker:

No discussion.

I. Newsletter – All:

No discussion.

J. AC Leg. Update – Harden:

1. Officers for ACC are in place.
2. Ron thanked Louise for offering to represent FCAS at the new natural area in Loveland on September 28th.

K. Volunteers – Thomas:

No discussion.

OTHER ITEMS, NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Joann to make bird houses on 9/15.
2. Nature Fest on 9/21.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.