

Minutes of September 23, 1995 PSO board meeting, recorded by Frank Haas

Attending: Frank Haas, Gene Zielinski, Margaret & Roger Higbee, Dan Brauning, Alan Gregory, and Doug Gross.

Treasurer's report: balance as of 9/14/95 is \$5,805.34.

Becoming incorporated update:

Gene distributed a copy of revised by-laws written by an attorney. Members are to send any questions or comments to Gene. He will pass those along to the attorney who will then re-write them accordingly. Frank passed out two proposed by-law changes concerning including the immediate past-president and the newsletter editor as board members and specifying a conservation committee as a standing committee. Once the by-laws are finalized, they will be re-distributed to the board members before the next board meeting so that they can be voted on and approved at that meeting. Once approved, the attorney will file the paperwork for our incorporation.

SAP report:

Doug distributed a list of the ongoing project locations and a list of the data that has been input into the computer database so far. Over 2000 field trips have been entered so far. It is very encouraging as to how many projects are underway and producing data. There are still some areas that were volunteered, but for which no data has been received. Doug also pointed out that some areas of the state need more coverage.

Annual meeting plans:

A number of names and topics were proposed for the 1996 Annual Meeting. It was understood that the Bartramian Audubon Society had volunteered to handle the field trips. Frank will contact Shonah to determine the status of the Annual Meeting's organization and will then proceed to designate someone as program chairman or do it himself. He will personally contact potential banquet speakers. We would really like to have an identification program on sparrows if possible. If any board member knows of someone willing and able to do such a program, contact Frank Haas.

Newsletter:

The President suggested that the PSO purchase a Deskjet printer for the newsletter editor. A motion was made by Gene Zielinski and seconded by Alan Gregory and passed unanimously. Margaret Higbee will purchase the printer and Gene will send her a check re-imbursing her. Members were reminded that we are always looking for material for the newsletter. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The membership list will be published in the next newsletter.

Publicity:

A discussion was held concerning publicity for PSO and *Pennsylvania Birds*. It was suggested that we create a brochure outlining the purposes and functions of the PSO and the content of *Pa Birds* for the purpose of recruiting new membership. Alan Gregory volunteered to work on such a brochure. He will put together a draft design and get some estimated prices on printing it. We will discuss at the next meeting proposed brochure and the quantity of brochures to order and the method of distribution. It was also suggested that we find avolunteer to be Membership Committee chairman.

Field Trips:

A discussion was held concerning the PSO's role in publicizing regional field trips. It was suggested

that the newsletter be a clearing house for all bird clubs' field trips throughout the state. However, the number of pages that would take up would probably be too many. A suggestion was made to list a selected number of trips, but what would the criteria be? A suggestion was made to just list the Field Trip Chairmen for all of the Bird Clubs in the state. That way, if a person is going to a particular region, he could call the Field Trip chairman for that area to see if there are any trips being scheduled that may be of interest. It was decided to advertise in the next newsletter for a volunteer to chair a field trip committee to study these ideas and to implement and coordinate whichever final plan is settled upon.

Christmas Counts:

Gene volunteered to put together a list of all upcoming Christmas Counts, their dates and compilers for inclusion in the newsletter.

Next Meeting:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at State College on January 13, 1996.