

Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology Board of Directors Meeting

February 28, 1998

The PSO Board of Directors meeting began at 1:09 P.M. Directors present were Shona Hunter, Rudy Keller, Doug Gros, Allen Gregory, Dick Beyers, Bob Ross, Frank Hass, Dan Brauning, Gene Zielinski, and Margaret and Roger Higbee. Absent were Arlene Koch and John Salvetti.

The minutes were approved from the November 15, 1997 meeting.

Treasures Report

Gene passed out summaries of the treasures report. He reported a balance of \$6,756.38 in the treasury. He said that the income and expenses are about the same. The loss for the annual meeting was reduced by half because of an accounting error.

The annual meeting will be held in Mansfield. Registration will be \$16.50 for members and \$14.50 for spouses. Children under 12 are \$7.50. Anyone using University housing will have bed linen provided but will have to bring their own towels. Shona provided information on the other fees to be charge for housing, meals, and facilities. Shona has requested at least 23 rooms at the university which is the approximate number that has been needed in the past. Bob reported that he was able to rent two vans for \$170 including insurance. The meeting will be advertised using the Internet and through news releases.

Frank would like the field trip leaders to present a synopsis of the their trip for the following day. A list of the trips should be made available so that members can sign the sheet for the trip they would like to take. The sheet should include : the name of the trip, the leaders name, and a short description of the trip. Field trips will last from 6:30 until 11:00. The field trips on Saturday are to include: The Muck, Marsh Creek, and Pine Creek Gorge. Sunday possibly: Boreal wetlands, Tioga/Hammond/Comanesque Lakes?, and possibly repeat one or more of the Saturday field trips.

The speakers will be:

Tim O'Connell - Landscape Effects on Forest Interior Birds

Ted Floyd - Christmas Bird Count Trends in Pennsylvania

Brad Ross - Response of Birds to Timber Practices

Cornell - One of their projects

Doug - SAP

Jeff Groth - ID talk - Crossbills

Banquet Speaker - No-one yet

The Earl Poole Award - A decision has not yet been made

There will only be one award this year. There needs to be further discussion concerning the second award for next year.

Shona received a request that there be a poll of the general membership be taken to determine

when people would prefer to have the annual meeting. It was decided to include the poll in the newsletter. Members will be able to respond by postcard or e-mail. An explanation will be included in the newsletter to inform the general membership why the third weekend in May has generally been chosen for the meeting.

The newsletter needs to be out within the next two weeks. The officers and directors should be included with their e-mail addresses. Dan mentioned that he liked the list of Christmas Bird Counts in the December newsletter.

"PA Birds" has raised their rates because they are still losing money. They currently have 581 subscriptions. Frank would also like to have artwork for the cover of "PA Birds".

Gene discussed the changes to the bylaws. The bylaws were approved. Gene will now work on nonprofit status.

Doug discussed the SAP project. There are now 3100 trips in the SAP database. He has designed a new seasonal trip to increase accuracy. He is waiting for the new AOU checklist order before publishing the form.

Alan discussed several legislative and conservation issues including Teaming with Wildlife and the re-authorization of the Endangered Species Act.

The meeting concluded at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger V. Higbee, Secretary