

Board of Directors' Meeting

Boalsburg, PA

November 4, 2006

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology met on November 4, 2006. Persons present were Rob Bly, Greg Grove, Frank Haas, Deuane Hoffman, Shonah Hunter, Arlene Koch, Rudy Keller, Sandy Lockerman, Mark McConaughy, and Carmen Santasania. Rudy called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

Mark made a motion that the minutes be accepted as received from Roger via the internet and Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Frank emailed the treasurer's report. Mark made a motion seconded by Greg that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion passed.

Rudy asked that someone post on the PABIRDS listserv a first announcement on the dates for the 2007 meeting. Carmen will post the dates to the list.

Slate of Directors and Officers

The terms of Arlene and Carmen are up for renewal. Both have agreed to serve another term.

Certificate of Appreciation

John (through Arlene Koch) expressed his concern about the man who has two Merlins on his property and how the rules for COA apply. We all agreed that a narrow definition is best and there should be no grandfathering. Rudy made the motion below and the resolution passed unanimously.

Rudy proposed a resolution limiting COA awarding to private property owners who allow birders onto their land to see a rare bird or to see birds that might not be rare, but are hard to find elsewhere, such as wetland or other habitat specific species. He also proposed that two board members be appointed by the president to serve on a standing COA committee, whose job would be to seek nominees or receive award nominations and determine if they meet the criteria. Nominees deemed to meet the criteria would then be approved by the full board, either via email or at a meeting. Both resolutions were approved. Rudy appointed John Fedak and Arlene Koch to serve as the first COA committee members.

Annual Meeting

Meeting dates are May 18-20, 2007 at the Best Western in Harrisburg, located off of I-283, just before the PA Turnpike.

Misc. info on meeting preparations.

- The hotel serves a continental breakfast, other places are very nearby, e.g. McDonalds, Bob Evans, etc.
- There will be space for exhibitors.
- We need to be out of the room by 4:30 pm so staff can set up for the banquet.
- There will be a cash bar.
- Banquet will begin at 7:00 pm. Cost about \$20-25.
- The room holds 150-160 people.
- Will have buffet style and Sandy will send around choices for menu.

Insurance

Linda Wagner will handle as in previous years.

Conservation Award

Need to review policies on Poole and Conservation awards, especially who we pay for in terms of winners' families.

Field Trips

The field trips are being coordinated by Deuane Hoffman. Possibly will have a Friday pm field trip with canoes. As usual will have Saturday and Sunday field trips.

Young Birder Scholarship

Nothing discussed

Pins

Great Egret. Frank will work on the design and check with Nancy Dennis to see if she can make these again this year.

Auction

There will be an auction, we can use the storage room at Wildwood to keep items before the meeting. (Sandy)

Speakers

Banquet- Scott Weidensaul

Other possible speakers;

Bob Curry/ Andy McGann- Deuane will check on availability.

Saw Whet Owl- Sandy will check.

Barn Owls-Jamie Zambo from PA Game Commission

Black Crown Night Herons-only if good presentation

Dan Kunkle- Wildlife Info Center- Arlen will check on availability

Hawk Mountain presenter- keep on reserve

Discussion on the numbers of speakers. Consensus was for fewer talks to keep us on time as we need to be out of the room by 5 pm so the hotel staff can set up for the banquet.

2008 Meeting

Hosted by Todd Bird Club in Pittsburgh

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Nothing discussed.

Newsletter

Articles for the newsletter should be sent to Margaret by the end of November.

Mark moved to adjourn and John seconded the motion. It was approved at 2:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Santasania, Board Member