

PSO Board of Directors Meeting

Boalsburg

March 1, 2008

The board of directors met at Duffy's Tavern in Boalsburg with the following members present: Arlene Koch, Shonah Hunter, Sandy , Carmen Santisania, Frank Haas, Rudy Keller, Margaret and Roger Higbee, and Linda Wagner. The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by Rudy.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Rudy made a motion and Carmen seconded it that the minutes be accepted as received. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank reported that we got a few new members by placing the table of contents of the current issue of PA Birds on the web site for the general public to see. He also reported that the income and outgo are about the same as they have been.

Carmen reported that there are now over 1000 people on the list serve.

Margaret said that the newsletter is nearly complete but still needs 1 ½ pages of material to complete it.

Goeff Malosh was not able to attend but sent an email to the board with the following comments about PA Birds:

Frank said that he has an ad for the back cover of PA Birds for which he charged \$100.

Awards Committee

The awards committee recommended the following people for the annual awards:

Jack Holcum - Poole Award

Dan Klem - Conservation

Rudy made a motion that we accept these nomination and Margaret seconded it. The board voted unanimously to approve them.

The question of trading/purchasing names and addresses of people who are members of ABA was discussed further. To purchase the entire list for Pennsylvania would be too expensive. ABA may be willing to trade names that they have that we don't and vice versa. We will have to evaluate if the number of names we would get would be worth the trouble. We might also want to see if the number of new names would be worth buying.

Certificate of Appreciation

John Fedak nominated Aden Troyer for a Certificate of Appreciation. After some discussion, it was decided that it should actually be his son David who should get the certificate. The board voted unanimously to accept the nomination.

Young Birder Conference

Arlene said that Corey Usak is still interested in trying to have PSO sponsor a young birder conference. Arlene is still gathering information on what he wants PSO to do and what the format of the young birder conference was in Ohio.

Old Issues of PA Birds

The board discussed whether back issues of PA Birds should be placed on the web site. The feeling was that this would be ok but that the more recent issues should not be. There are boxes of back issues at Lockhaven University. The question of whether we need to keep all the back issues or if we should only keep several copies was discussed. It was agreed that one archival set should be kept and five additional copies. The remainder should be offered to anyone that wants them. The issues that are on the web site can be obtained for the cost of postage. It was also suggested that they could be "given" away at the annual meeting for a donation. We should try to advertise on the list serve and newsletter first. Any recent issue that is not on the web site will be sold at the normal price.

Annual Meeting

The business meeting will begin at 7:30 pm on Friday night. There will be the election of officers. No description of the field trips will be given by the leaders to save time. There will only be time allotted for questions about them. Shonah will place a note on the registration receipt to look at the web site or the newsletter for the field trip descriptions. The location of next years annual meeting will be announced and suggestions for the following year will be solicited from those in attendance. The early time and abbreviated meeting will help save time for the proposed whip-poor-will evening field trip.

Speakers will begin at 1:00. We need a ½ hour break for people to visit the vendors and the silent auction, The social will be at 6:00 and the dinner at 6:30. Shonah said that we need an accurate count for the social. The cost for the banquet will be \$26.00 for registrants and 32.50 for banquet only. There will be no banquet speaker. PSO will pay expenses for the speakers and recipients of the awards.

The board decided that we will print the membership list.

Hats - We will decide this issue by email. We need to know what the minium number of hats that can be ordered.

T-shirts - 18 left. Board decided to order 12 more green, 8 large and 4 extra large.

Insurance is ok. Linda will take care of it.

2009 Meeting

The meeting will be at Diamond Ridge Camp in Bucks County. The alternative to staying at the camp is the Hampton Inn at \$149 per night. A 15 room block has been reserved. The camp wants PSO to sign a hold harmless clause and needs the names and address and phone numbers of the participants. We would also need someone certified in cpr.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger V. Higbee, secretary