

PSO Board of Directors Meeting

Boalsburg

November 13, 2010

The board of directors met at Duffy's Tavern in Boalsburg with the following members present: John Fedak, Frank Haas, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Shonah Hunter, Ramsay Koury, Tom Kuehl, Sandy Lockerman, and Mark McConaughy. The meeting was called to order at 11:43 a.m. by Tom.

Minutes

Mark moved and Frank seconded a motion that the minutes of the February 20, 2010, Directors' meeting received by email and the annual meeting minutes from May 21, 2010, as read at the meeting be accepted. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Frank reported a bank balance of \$12,558.93 as of November 13, 2010. Mark moved and Ramsay seconded a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion was approved.

Membership

Frank mentioned that membership is down slightly. A discussion ensued concerning the continuing decrease of the membership. A list of the membership will be published in the March newsletter. Frank will distribute a membership list to all the board members so that we can see who are members which will enable us to contact those who are not members to try to persuade them to join. Tom would like a form letter to send to prospective members. Another idea was to use the PA Birds list serve to find potential members. Mark commented that to be published in most journals a person must be a member of the organization. This includes both articles and photos. No further action was taken on this matter.

Newsletter

The types of articles to be used in the newsletter was discussed. The board's decision was that articles to be used in the newsletter would be at Margaret's discretion. A recent series of articles sent to her by a member were deemed inappropriate for *The PSO Pileated* because they did not focus on local issues. Frank suggested that conservation articles should be limited to local and state issues. Margaret needs newsletter articles.

COA

John reported that 40 Certificates of Appreciation have been presented. He had seven new ones to discuss and to be approved. John has compiled a list of all previously awarded certificates. He was asked to add the year to the list that each certificate was

awarded. Ramsay moved and Frank seconded a motion to approve the seven certificates that John discussed. The motion passed.

Awards

John has assembled the awards committee which includes Paul Hess, Mark, Ramsay, Sandy, Margaret, and Arlene. They presently have one nominee for the Poole award and one for the conservation award. They are looking for additional candidates.

PA Birds

Geoff is working toward a meeting of the editorial committee. Articles are also needed for the magazine. John suggested that possibly universities could be contacted to determine if there are any grad students who might have papers that would be appropriate for publication.

Frank commented on the possibilities of searching for articles in *PA Birds* through the web site. He will write an article discussing how this can be accomplished.

PA Migration Count

Frank and John tackled the 2010 migration count. They said that they had trouble getting the reports from the county compilers. Frank compiled the data and John analyzed it. Tom thanked them for taking on this task. The data for the 2007, 2008, and 2009 counts will go into Frank's data base but not into *PA Birds*. Frank keeps the data base and distributes it to PORC, Geoff, and several other people. He also has a list of Birds of Note, which is a doc file, that he keeps for those who do not want to use the data base.

T-shirts

Only three or four shirts have been sold since the last meeting. We had previously discussed possibly using a new design by incorporating colorful bird art on the shirts. Frank solicited potential art and received some really bad designs. The possibility of using photographs was discussed including enhanced black and white designs. The board agreed that it would be good to have the new design ready for the annual meeting.

Memorial Donations

PSO has received three memorial donations in memory of Miriam Schantz. We have never received any before. We decided that PSO would not remember deceased members with memorial donations.

Board Members

The possibility of adding several new members to the board was discussed. Tom said that he had received a suggestion from Doug Gross to include representatives from both the PA Game Commission and PA Audubon as appointed non-voting members of the board. Following some discussion it was decided that we would not ask for appointed non-voting members from either organization. Audubon was twice

represented by elected board members who never came to any meetings, and the feeling of the board was that not just any game commission representative would be interested in the PSO. Instead, Dan Brauning and Doug Gross will be asked if they would like to be elected to the board as voting members.

Other potential members include Mike Fialkovich, Scott Stoleson, and Dick Williams. They will all be contacted to see if they are interested, then the board can decide whom they will put on the slate to be elected. Present board members whose terms expire this coming year are Sandy, Shonah, and Mark. All three agreed to continue as members of the board.

Future Meeting Sites

The 2012 annual meeting will be in the Lamar area. The 2013 annual meeting will be in the Wilkes-Barre area and supported by the Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society and another organization in the area.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for 2011 will be held in Bedford. Shonah has reserved the meeting room at the Quality Inn in Bedford for the meeting. The meeting will be supported by the Allegheny Plateau Audubon Society and the Bedford County Bird and Nature Club. Tom suggested that perhaps Tom Dick might lead a field trip to the Dunnings Creek wetlands on Friday afternoon for early arrivals and possibly a Friday evening field trip for Chuck-will's-widow. Possible speakers include Mike Lanzone and Trish Miller who could present a program on Golden Eagles, Andrew Vitz and Marja Bakermans-Vitz on Cerulean Warblers, and Jeff Larkin on Golden-winged Warbler research. It was also mentioned that Ted Floyd is willing to give a program whenever his schedule allows.

Possibilities mentioned for the pin for the meeting include Least Bittern, Golden Eagle, or Cerulean Warbler. Tom Dick will be contacted to ask for the local birders' opinions.

Vendors were discussed, and we decided that local vendors should be asked. Also an article should be placed in the newsletter informing other vendors that they are welcome to come. Possible vendors should contact John Fedak.

Sandy made a motion seconded by Mark that the meeting be adjourned at 1:43. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Higbee, Secretary