

# PSO Board of Directors Meeting

Boalsburg, PA

February 26, 2011

The PSO Board of Directors met with the following members present: Tom Kuehl, Mark McConaughy, Frank Haas, Carmen Santasania, Geoff Malosh, Linda Wagner, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Rob Blye, Shonah Hunter, Sandy Lockerman, and John Fedak. Tom called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

## **Minutes**

The minutes were read and the status of the PA Game Commission representatives was discussed. It was decided that Dan Brauning and Doug Gross can come to the board meetings any time they like as non-voting members. If they wish to serve on the board as members, they would have voting status. PA Audubon will also be asked if they wish to have a representative on the board, but this person would not be a board member. Carmen will ask Kim Van Fleet if she wants to come. Carmen will report back by email. Rob said that there are other bird oriented Audubon people who could serve as representatives. After the discussion and corrections, John moved and Carmen seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Frank reported that there is always around \$9,000 as a base amount in our account. We were asked by Dan Brauning to consider making a donation toward the publishing of the breeding bird atlas. Frank said that we could donate between \$1,000 to \$1,500 with no problem. The board's feeling is that we should support the atlas project. Mark moved and Frank seconded a motion to donate \$1,000 toward the publishing of the atlas. All members present approved the motion. It was also mentioned that we could put a note in the newsletter asking for additional support for the publishing of the atlas. Mark moved and Geoff seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report.

Geoff questioned the \$1,000 that Wendy Jo Shemansky is receiving from PSO for collecting the seasonal reports. The amount of work has decreased. He will talk to her about how much time it takes her to do the job.

## **PA Birds**

Geoff distributed minutes of the editorial board meeting. He suggested that the board members read them. The need for a photo editor was discussed. He also mentioned that Ebird is not being used at this time for the seasonal reports.

## **Newsletter**

Margaret encouraged board members to contribute articles for the newsletter as articles are always needed.

## **Certificates of Appreciation**

John reported that there were 10 new COAs. Frank made a motion and Sandy seconded it to approve the COAs. An article should be placed in the newsletter and on the list serve to solicit nominations for COAs.

**Awards Committee**

John reported that Gary Edwards was selected to be the Poole Award recipient while the Golden Eagle Project was selected to receive the conservation award. The people associated with the project are Todd Kastner, Trish Miller, and Mike Lanzone. John moved and Mark seconded a motion to approve the nominations. The motion passed.

**T-shirts**

Frank reported that none of the designs received were good enough to use. Linda suggested that a specific bird or birds picked for the shirts.

**New Board Members**

John reported that Mike Fialkovich and Scott Stoleson both agreed to serve as board members.

**Annual Meeting**

Shonah reported that we still need a meeting place. One possibility is the Bedford Elks, but the cost would be \$875 for both nights. Tom said that Huntington Foam will pay for the room so we will go with the Elks. The Elks work with two caterers so Shonah will get menus from them and email them to the board. She will also contact the Quality Inn for rooms.

Tom thinks that we will have enough speakers and he will come up with outings. We need to find vendors for the meeting. If anyone has silent auction items, they should email Shonah. We will pay for the weekend for the Poole award recipient and pay for the banquet for the conservation award winners. We will pay for the room and the banquet for the speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Higbee, Secretary