

PSO Board of Directors Meeting

Boalsburg, PA

July 21, 2012

The PSO Board of Directors met with the following members present: Tom Kuehl, Mark McConaughy, Frank Haas, Carmen Santasania, Geoff Malosh, Roger Higbee, Shonah Hunter, Mike Fialkovich, Scott Stoleson, John Fedak, Ramsay Koury, Marjorie Howard, Mike Lanzone, and Wayne Laubscher. John called the meeting to order at 11:38 am.

Minutes

The minutes for both the February 25 Board of Directors meeting and the Annual Meeting on May 18 were distributed prior to the meeting. A correction to the board meeting minutes is that the family membership should be \$35. Also Ramsay said that he did not tell Geoff that PORC was nearly out of money. Carmen moved and Mark seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed. John told everyone that Arlene Koch is resigning from the board for personal reasons, but she still wants to remain active with the board. The board decided to send her a thank you for her time and effort spent with the PSO. Also, there is some question whether the PA Game Commission representative, Doug Gross, is a voting member of the board or serves in an advisory position. With the above corrections, Mark made a motion to approve the annual meeting minutes and Scott seconded the motion which passed.

Treasurer's Report

Frank reported that we have 383 members which is about the same as usual and a total of 423 subscribers to *Pennsylvania Birds*. The bank balance as of July 19, 2012, is \$20,566.04. He also said that there are a significant number of people using the online option to join or renew their membership. Mark made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Mike seconded it. The motion passed.

Newsletter

It was suggested that an interesting article for the newsletter might follow up on what the winners of the youth scholarships are doing now. The names of the winners are needed to do this.

Certificates of Appreciation

John reported that Sandy is going to take over the COAs.

Awards Committee

Mike Lanzone will be getting the committee together to begin consideration for next year's awards. John will send him the list of previous nominees.

PaBirds

Geoff reported that the magazine is doing well. There has been no action taken yet on the county compilers' survey. He also mentioned that a more consistent strategy for the use of ebird is needed. Geoff will be calling a meeting of the editorial staff soon. He has enough articles for the next two or three issues.

Committees

John started the discussion by saying that he has received inquiries about when the committees will begin to function. An interest in making the committees work exists. Mike L. commented that he thinks that the board should be in more frequent contact, possibly through telephone conference calls. Tom thinks that we should continue to try to get all people on the listserv to join PSO. Several suggestions were made that at least the chairperson of a committee should be a member of the board. There was much discussion on the functions of the committees and what the

responsibilities of each committee should be and that some committees should actually be subcommittees. The final result is the list that John emailed everyone and is also attached to the minutes.

PORC

PORC is being incorporated into PSO with Nick allotted \$100 per year for expenses. Geoff presented a proposal including the provision of a stipend for the secretary. The stipend for the secretary was tabled till our next meeting. Frank moved that we approve Geoff's proposal minus the stipend; the motion was seconded by Mark and passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be in Wilkes-Barre at the Quality Inn just off I-80 on Kidder Street. Rooms will be \$84 per night with breakfast included. Contracts have been signed and a deposit mailed.

Alternate dates for the annual meeting next year were discussed with the first week in June being selected. The dates would be May 31 through June 2, 2013.

In 2014 the meeting may possibly be in Warren and McKean Counties.

At 1:43 pm Mark moved and Ramsay seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Higbee, Secretary