

PSO Board of Directors Meeting

Boalsburg, PA

March 2, 2013

The PSO Board of Directors met with the following members present: John Fedak, Mark McConaughy, Frank Haas, Sandy Lockerman, Shonah Hunter, Marjorie Howard, Ramsay Koury, Mike Fialkovich, Geoff Malosh, Carmen Santasania, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Wayne Laubscher, Mike Lanzone, Tom Kuehl, and Scott Stoleson. John called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes - Roger Higbee

The minutes of the September 3, 2012, meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. Mark moved that they be accepted, and Marjorie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Membership Report - Frank Haas

Frank distributed the treasurer's report. It was noted that membership has increased, credited probably to our Facebook presence and the ability to join/renew online. It was also noted that reciprocals decreased because reciprocals that we had been receiving have not been sent to us for several years. Mark moved to accept the reports, and Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

We discussed the possibility of giving speakers who are not members of PSO a one-year complimentary membership with the hope that they will renew. Mark moved that we do this, and the motion was seconded by Mike L. The motion passed.

Newsletter – Margaret Higbee

Margaret commented that she needs articles for the March newsletter.

Certificates of Appreciation – Sandy Lockerman

Sandy had four new COAs to be approved.

Joe Flood – Calliope Hummingbird
Bob and Amy Weiss - Calliope Hummingbird
Babe Webster – Allen's Hummingbird
David L. Yeany, Sr. – Evening Grosbeak

Any nominations should be sent to Sandy.

Awards Committee - Mike Lanzone

Mike discussed the possibility of doing something for the 2nd Breeding Bird Atlas of Pennsylvania. He thought that creating another award for a special event in Pennsylvania ornithology would be appropriate. Shonah suggested the "Golden Pileated Award." For the Atlas this would mean recognizing the three editors, Dan Brauning, Andy Wilson, and Bob Mulvihill in some way at the annual meeting. Mark

moved and Sandy seconded the creation of the “Golden Pileated Award” to honor special achievement in Pennsylvania ornithology. In this case, each editor will receive a plaque. The motion passed. Frank said that he will get the plaques made if Mike comes up with the wording. Tom made a motion that the Discretionary Fund be used for lodging, plaques, and other expenses for the Golden Pileated Award. Mark seconded the motion which passed.

Mike put forth the following nominations:

Conservation Award – North Branch Land Trust

Poole Award – Terry Masters

The board agreed to the above nominations.

Editorial Board – Geoff Malosh

Because there will be no more tables in *Pa Birds*, Wendy Jo’s stipend has been reduced. Geoff also said that eBird will be easier to use for *PA Birds* reports. Amy Davis has agreed to be the photo editor for *PA Birds*. Geoff would like the president or vice-president to join the Editorial Board and attend the meetings. There was also a discussion regarding the possibility of splitting the editors’ responsibilities.

Research and Conservation - Scott Stoleson

Scott would like to get grad students to submit articles on their research to *PA Birds*.

Records and Data - Mike Fialkovich

Mike reported that Holly Merker has agreed to discuss how to use eBird and all the tools available at the annual meeting.

Field Trips - Ramsay Koury

Ramsay reported that there have been two field trips since the last meeting and that more are planned for this year. Mike L. is planning a pelagic trip with Brian Patteson, at Hatteras for late summer. We would charter the entire boat which holds 25 people.

Nominating Committee - Tom Kuehl

Tom noted that Carmen’s and Ramsay’s terms are expiring this year. They have both agreed to stay on the board.

Old Business

The annual meeting in 2014 will be held in Bradford or Warren on June 6-8.

Annual Meeting - Shonah Hunter

The next Annual Meeting will be at the Quality Inn, 880 Kidder St. in Wilkes-Barre, from May 31 through June 2, 2013. It will cost \$550 for the meeting room, and the rooms will be \$84. The Great Horned Owl will be the bird on the Luzerne County pin. Ramsay will email everyone a list of the field trips. Mike L. is planning a field trip to recently listed areas in ebird to show how ebird can work to find birds. Let Shonah know about any potential vendors.

New Business

Mike L. would like a new t-shirt design. He will try to find something new.

Sandy moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm, and Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Higbee,
Secretary