

PSO Board of Directors Phone Meeting

February 28, 2015

The PSO Board of Directors held a conference call with the following members participating: Mike Fialkovich, Vern Gauthier, Frank Haas, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Marjorie Howard, Shonah Hunter, Mike Lanzone, Sandy Lockerman, Geoff Malosh, Andy McGann, Flo McGuire, and Linda Wagner. Mike called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Minutes – Roger

The minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting by email. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike L. and seconded by Shonah. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Membership Report - Frank

Frank distributed the treasurer's report prior to the meeting by email. It was noted that we are still in the black and membership has stayed fairly stable over the past several years. Frank also noted that we made back our cost of the Zippo lighters and that any additional sales will be all profit.

Newsletter – Margaret

Margaret commented that she needs articles for the March newsletter that provide information about the annual meeting. Field trips need to be finalized with the West Chester Bird Club. It also needs to be noted that there is meeting space available for vendors. She needs articles announcing the award winners, Mike L.'s president's article, annual meeting field trips, and the list of speakers as well as a meeting agenda.

Certificates of Appreciation – Sandy

Sandy had four new COAs that were approved.

Selasphorus Hummingbird, Bill and Sue Keim, Bucks County
Rufous Hummingbird, Bruce and Sherri Carl, Lancaster County
Harris's Sparrow, Lee and Doris Mae Kennedy, Cumberland County
Evening Grosbeak, The Yeany Family, Forest County

Any nominations should be sent to Sandy.

Sandy also mentioned that she has received her master banding license for hummingbirds.

Field Trips - Chad

Chad was unable to make the conference call, but it was noted that he has done a great job and the field trips are doing well.

Awards Committee - Mike F.

The Poole award winner is Bob Curry, and the conservation award will go to the Brandywine Conservancy. Mike F. will complete the write-up for the newsletter. He will also contact the recipients before the newsletter comes out.

Mike F. questioned who the award winner could bring. Roger will check the minutes to see what was decided by the board. Shonah needs to know who is coming.

PSO Journal – Geoff

Geoff wants to begin a transition period in which a new chief editor will take over. He would like a separate meeting to discuss the journal and what changes might be made including an editorial board and multiple editors besides the chief editor. Mike L. would like a list of names of people who would possibly be willing to serve on the editorial board. A possibility would be to advertise for help instead of only using people whom we know. Geoff has created a document which contains his job description and the present state of the journal. One of the changes could be to not print it and make it electronic only. We could alter the scope of the journal but he said that he receives many other state journals and none of them come close to *Pennsylvania Birds*. None of them include county reports in their journals. Geoff did say that he likes the journal the way that it is and is only suggesting possible changes be made if we cannot find someone to take the position with the journal the way that it is. He will send a copy of his job description to the board of directors.

Nominating – Mike L.

There is one board member who is resigning, Carmen Santasania, and one who is being replaced due to inactivity, Amy Davis. One other board member will probably be resigning. Mike presented the names of four potential board members. They are:

Annette Mathes
Holly Merker
Brian Quindlen
Jarrod Derr

Annette will be asked to fill Carmen's seat and Holly will be asked to fill Amy's seat if she decides she wants to take it. She is undecided at this time. If another seat becomes available, either Brian or Jarrod will be asked to fill it.

Old Business

We need to try to get other bird clubs involved with PSO and interface with them.

New Business

Mike L. would like board members to send him their ideas on what the society's members are getting out of their membership, as well as where we are now and in what direction we should head.

The annual meeting for 2016 is tentatively being planned for Somerset. Mike L. has contacted the local bird clubs for field trips and several local venues.

Annual Meeting 2015 -- Shonah

The next Annual Meeting will be at the Days Hotel in West Chester, from May 29 through 31, 2015. Shonah said she has already received 10 to 12 registrants for the meeting and one or two vendors are interested. Only a continental breakfast will be served at the hotel which will be \$12 per person and will be served from 5:30 to 6:30.

Frank will put the field trips on line but sign-up will be delayed until later to give people who are traveling together or meeting friends a chance to discuss among themselves and coordinate which field trips they would like to attend. Several slots for each field trip will be kept open for sign-up at the meeting.

The Youth Scholarship form for nomination of a deserving youth to attend the annual meeting will be in the March newsletter.

Frank made a motion to adjourn, and Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Higbee
Secretary