

PSO Board of Directors' Teleconference Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

The PSO Board of Directors conducted a teleconference meeting with the following members participating: Mike Fialkovich, Deb Grove, Greg Grove, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Laura Jackson, Chad Kauffman, Sandy Lockerman, Evan Mann, and Linda Wagner. Mike called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Internet Business Prior to the Meeting

Deb Grove made a motion to award Lindsay Matters and Victoria Roper each a \$500 Student Research Grant for work described in their proposals to the PSO Board. The awards are contingent upon their receiving necessary permits and IACUC approvals. Emily Thomas seconded the motion. Sixteen members of the Board voted by email in favor of this request. Several Board members did not vote.

Minutes – Roger

The minutes were distributed prior to the meeting via the internet. No corrections or additions were required. Evan made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Chad seconded the motion which passed.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Conservation Committee – Laura

Laura volunteered to summarize the efforts of the Knot Messing Around Team, the PSO bird-a-thon team in the Delaware Red Knot land acquisition effort.

Laura said that she would talk to Vern Gauthier to determine how the Breeding Bird Blitz and a bird-a-thon can be combined to benefit both programs.

Education Committee – Holly Merker

Mike called everyone's attention to Holly's Education Committee report which she emailed everyone before the meeting. It is an update on the *Frontiers in Ornithology: A Symposium for Youth*. She is asking for volunteers to help with the symposium. Chad, Sandy, and Evan have volunteered to help.

Holly also said that she hoped there are funds for the Youth Scholarship to the PSO annual meeting as she has already received an inquiry. Please see her email dated May 23, 2019, for details.

Records Committee-PORC – Holly Merker

Mike called everyone's attention to Holly's Records Committee report which she emailed everyone before the meeting. Please see her May 23, 2019, email for details. Reviews for 2019 are up to date. Mike has completed the PORC annual report for 2017 to be submitted to *Pennsylvania Birds*. The PORC bylaws are still being reviewed and revised. No additional information regarding the request for a stipend for the PORC secretary has been received.

2019 Annual Meeting Update – Mike, Evan, and Chad

All the field trips are set and ready to go. The T-shirt design and the colors are ready. The speakers for the afternoon and the banquet have been confirmed. The meal will be a buffet and choices have been selected. On line registration will begin on June 8. Several of last year's meeting attendees requested that there be a treasurer's report given at the meeting as well as the introduction of the board members.

A discussion of possible prizes for the winners of the Friday night Bird Trivia quiz ensued. Linda suggested that we could allow the winner or winners to pick a previous annual meeting pin as the prize. There was a general consensus that this was a good idea.

***Pennsylvania Birds* – Greg**

Greg said that Ted Nichols has resigned as photo editor and has been replaced by Rob Dickerson. After a short discussion, the board felt that the color pictures should continue after the anonymous donation is depleted. This would mean the use of PSO funds or possibly offering free advertising for anyone willing to pay for the cost of color printing. Greg also mentioned that he is getting articles for the magazine.

General Discussion

A general question was asked if anyone could upload materials to the website when Frank is away. No one was aware of anyone who could. The board needs to discuss this further at the next board meeting.

Greg asked if there has been an annual meeting site picked for 2020. The general feeling was that it would be a good idea so that it can be announced at the 2019 annual meeting. Margaret said that she would write an article for the newsletter requesting that anyone interested in hosting the meeting should contact the board. The meeting time should be in the fall preferably September.

Two research grants have been awarded. Frank has sent the check to one of the students and he will send the other one when approvals and permits are received by the student.

With no further business to conduct, Greg made a motion to adjourn which Margaret seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Higbee
Secretary