MINUTES OF THE EAST CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 3, 2019

**Attendance and Quorum:** Present were Tom Lawler, Diane Burgess, Tom Penpraze, Diana Roberts, Bob Sizoo, Garrett Durheim, Carolyn Rochelle, and Gordon Wetzel. A quorum was present throughout the board meeting. Terri Hyde was absent. Also in attendance were Jan Rising, Claire Weiser, Sandra Coveny, Yvette Leecy.

Meeting called to order at 1:07 pm. Prior to the meeting, some of the Board visited the Pine Forest Grange to check out the space for the October 18 Annual Event.

The August 6, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

1. Jan Rising shared information regarding the ECAS Volunteer Coordinator position. It will be vacant, as Mardi Jensen is stepping down. Garrett will be the Board Liaison for the new Volunteer Coordinator. Member Planet has a check off for volunteering and a form to fill out. Some people who’ve signed up may not be connected to a volunteer spot. Information is needed from project and program leaders. Deschutes National Forest, BLM and Sunriver Nature Center are organizations that could use our volunteers. The new coordinator would need to work with these groups. Jan shared documents that would help with the coordinator position and volunteer information. Garrett will meet with the Membership Committee on Sept. 17 to help with these topics.

2. Tom Penpraze will not be up for re-election to the Board per his request.

3. Terri shared financials via email. ECAS will continue with the current Member Planet version. The cost is $450.

4. Claire Weiser checked with the Board for information and articles to put in the next issue of the Calliope which comes out on Oct. 1. The deadline is Sept. 20. She needs short biographies from new board members Gordon and Garrett. The Board suggested adding a section in The Calliope mentioning people who make donations to ECAS (with their consent).

5. Yvette Leecy and Sandra Coveny shared a birding project at the Warm Springs Reservation. They would like to make a book about the birds of Warm Springs. They are seeking ECAS volunteers to do bird surveys to represent the birds of each season. Detailed project information will be coming soon. They want to start the bird surveys in 2020.

6. The Board discussed the upcoming Annual Event on October 18. Jobs were assigned.
7. Diane brought up two items for October’s Board meeting: updating the Access Information document in the ECAS Board binders and preparing ECAS’s Annual Plan (referred to as Action Plan in the binder) for the Annual Chapter Report to the National Audubon Society which begins in October. The old documents were shared. The Board should be prepared to update these on Oct. 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The minutes were taken and prepared for distribution to the board by Diane Burgess, ECAS Secretary.

Approved at the Board Meeting of October 1, 2019.