

PSO Board of Directors' Meeting

November 23, 2002
Lock Haven University

The Board of Directors met on November 23, 2002, at Lock Haven University with the following members present: Nick Bolgiano, Doug Gross, Greg Grove, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Shonah Hunter, Katrina Knight, Mark McConaughy, and Gene Zielinski.

The meeting was called to order by president Doug Gross at 1:15 p. m. He thanked Shonah for providing the room and the refreshments.

Secretary's Report

Roger summarized the minutes from the business meeting held at the annual meeting of the membership. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Greg seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gene broke down the report into three time periods that correspond to the obtaining of non profit status, the end of the fiscal year that is now used for reporting purposes and the present as follows:

August, 2001	\$19,097	
May, 2002	\$18,977	
		November, 2002 \$19,832

He said that he will provide a breakdown of income and expenses in the near future and e-mail them to everyone.

General Comments

Doug announced that he had received a check for \$500 from the Bartramian Audubon Society to be used for expenses of the SAP project and *Pennsylvania Birds*.

The bird checklists for Pennsylvania are being reprinted as agreed by board members through e-mail. It was also agreed that the list should be sold at the prices listed below which were originally calculated by Frank Haas.

Quantity	Price per pack	Price each	Profit each
10	\$ 3.00	\$0.30	\$0.11
50	\$12.00	\$0.24	\$0.06
100	\$18.00	\$0.18	\$0.04

With this pricing schedule, we will make a profit of about \$200 on an investment of approximately \$450. The individual checklist price will be only \$0.18 when purchased by the hundred pack, up from the previous \$0.14.

A letter of welcome has been drafted by Alan Gregory and edited by Doug. This letter will be sent to all new members.

John Fedak requested that the society donate 100 checklists to him to be distributed to his science students and other interested students. Mark volunteered to donate extra checklists that he has since the society is out of them and they are being reprinted.

Doug commented that there needs to be a better way to promote PSO. Some comments were:

- Make sure that the PSO brochures are distributed to local bird clubs.
- Encourage graduate students to publish papers in *PA Birds*.

PSO Website

Frank continues to be the webmaster. The site had to be moved to a new server but remains at the same address on the web. The site needs more information that can be placed on it. There has been little response to Frank's request for site guides. One suggestion was that papers that are published in *PA Birds* be published on the website a year later or sooner if they contain information relative to sensitive environmental issues.

SAP

Doug announced that more than 6000 – trips have now been entered into the SAP database for 127 sites. SAP is running out of money for data input. There are only a couple thousand dollars left because Wild Resources money has dried up, and there are no more grants available at the present time. He suggested that possibly a partnership with Audubon could be formed to continue the work. Another possibility is that there could be a hiatus of data collection during the breeding bird atlas project which is to begin in 2004. The present funds will carry the project through part of next year.

Annual Meeting

The theme for the 2003 annual meeting will be the new Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas project. The site of the meeting will be in Indiana and hosted by the Todd Bird Club. Margaret presented the information which has been gathered so far for the meeting. This includes the meeting location which will be at the Holiday Inn. The meeting room has been reserved for May 16 and 17. The cost will be \$75 per day for the room and a hospitality room will be included free if PSO members stay in 10 rooms total for both nights (5 rooms each night or any combination thereof). This will also entitle us to bring our own refreshments for breaks. If rooms are reserved before 4/30/03, the cost will be \$79 per night. Shonah volunteered to bring a slide projector and power point equipment for the afternoon talks.

The banquet will be a buffet with the following main dishes:

- Italian Baked Cod
- Honey Lager Chicken
- Baked Stuffed Shells (vegetarian)
- Sliced Roasted Sirloin

Meals also include rolls, tossed salad, potato, vegetable, coffee, tea, iced tea, and dessert. Cost is \$15.95 + 16% gratuity or ~\$18.50 per person.

Eleven field trips have already been arranged with a leader designated for each one. A list and brief description of each trip is attached. This made Doug smile.

The board discussed inviting vendors to this year's meeting. It was decided that vendors would be a good idea and that Mary Jane Seipler should be asked to be the coordinator. Holiday Inn will set up skirted tables in a room for the vendors for a fee of \$50. Several suggestions for vendors were Aden Troyer and people with books to sell. Katrina suggested that any vendor who agrees to come to the meeting should be given a 10% discount for an ad in *PA Birds*.

It was agreed that the afternoon sessions should be presented by the people who will figure prominently in the next atlas such as Dan Brauning, Tim O'Connell, Doug Kibbe, and the new coordinator. After some discussion, it was decided that there should be only four afternoon speakers, allowing more time for questions and less rushing. Possible topics might be techniques for surveying night birds, marsh birds, and other under counted or difficult to survey birds. Nick volunteered to be the contact for the speakers and coordinate any of their needs with PSO. Greg will contact Tim for an afternoon talk, and Doug will contact the new coordinator as a possible banquet program. Nick will contact the other speakers and organize the afternoon sessions.

PSO Newsletter

Doug congratulated Margaret for publishing an excellent newsletter. The Christmas Bird Count issue of the newsletter is ready to be published except for one article that has not yet been received. It was suggested that because the planning for the annual meeting is so far advanced that the information should be included in the newsletter. Also, the student scholarship for a student under the age of 18 will again be offered this year. A form to nominate a student will be put in this issue of the newsletter.

Pennsylvania Birds

Katrina informed the board that the next issue is at the printer's. She feels that it should be out before Christmas. All the information is in for the following issue except for one thing. The format will be changing for the seasonal bird data. It will follow *North American Birds* seasons which are March, April, and May; June and July; August, September, October, and November; and December, January, and February. Also, the tables will be discontinued. The current seasonal editors are:

Winter - Doug Kibbe and Roberta Zweir

Spring Migration - Mike Fialkovich

Breeding Season - Dan Brauning

Fall Migration - Deuane Hoffman

Doug emphasized the need to publish on time. Several board members said that they felt that the journal not being published on time will eventually hurt membership numbers. Greg suggested that the new atlas coordinator may wish to have a quarterly column in *PA Birds*.

Mark made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Katrina and passed unanimously at 4:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Higbee, Secretary