

PSO Board of Directors' Meeting

March 22, 2003

Duffy's Inn, Boalsburg, PA

The Board of Directors met on March 22, 2003, at Duffy's Inn in Boalsburg, PA, with the following persons present: Nick Bolgiano, Dan Brauning, Doug Gross, Greg Grove, Frank Haas, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Shonah Hunter, Katrina Knight, Mark McConaughy, Carmen Santasania, Linda Wagner, and Gene Zielinski.

The meeting was called to order by president Doug Gross at 11:19 a. m.

Secretary's Report

Mark moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Greg seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gene reported a current balance of \$17,033.78.

General Comments

Frank reported that we did not lose PSO members by requiring members to also purchase *PA Birds*. He informed the board that he is now sending welcome letters to new members. Frank further reported that new checklists are available.

The PSO website is in need of more site guides. The idea of a media guide has temporarily been set aside until more information is obtained. Frank will put the Poole recipients on the website.

Annual Meeting

Discussion centered around the annual meeting which will be held in Indiana May 16-18 at the Holiday Inn. The Dillweed, a bed-and-breakfast in Dilltown, has offered to give us a free overnight, and Len Hess has a framed numbered print he is donating. Shonah offered to set up a silent auction for these and possibly other items.

PSO members who present programs at the annual meeting will have their registration fees waived. We will waive Bob Mulvihill's registration fee and pay for his banquet. John Dunn is not permitted to accept a stipend, so we should consider giving him a tangible gift, possibly a book.

Discussion ensued upon the problem with local bird club members "crashing" the PSO meeting on Saturday afternoon. The potential "crashers" are outings' leaders who are not PSO members. It has happened at previous meetings, but it has never been openly discussed. Todd Bird Club will make a donation of \$250 to cover anyone who shows up without registering. In addition, Todd Bird Club is providing all the refreshments for the meeting, including cookies, soda, and water. So any crashers at the afternoon sessions will not cost PSO. All the field trips have been planned and leaders appointed.

Nick offered to check with our speakers to ascertain what equipment they will need for their

presentations. Nick will also introduce the speakers at the afternoon sessions, and Doug will introduce the banquet speaker.

Young birder scholarships were discussed. Alan Gregory will be in charge of this program. We need to get the information out concerning this.

If anyone has nominations for the Poole Award, those should be sent to Doug.

The possibility of selling PSO T-shirts was discussed. McCormick's Sport and Award have provided us with a variety of options. We decided upon cream, not white, 50 percent polyester/50 percent cotton, shirts with the logo on the front and the woodpecker and state on the back. Margaret will check with Marjorie Howard to find out how many were sold at the Greene County meeting.

Atlas Project

Next year's annual meeting was discussed. John Beam has invited us to Montour Preserve for 2004. Since the second Atlas Project will be underway, we could possibly combine the meeting with blockbusting outings.

Frank suggested and Greg made a motion, which was seconded by Mark, that PSO become an official sponsor of the Atlas Project. Dan then gave us an overview of the atlas planning.

PA Birds

Dan is planning to combine the summer and fall issue of *PA Birds*, so that we can get back on schedule more readily. Katrina needs printable pictures for the center section. She will check to see what counties need compilers and let Doug know.

Frank suggested and Greg moved that PSO create a Publication Committee which will currently be staffed with the Transition Committee and expanded to include outside members for review of articles, etc. This was seconded by Mark and passed unanimously.

Doug reported on the SAP. There are now 6195 trips in the database from 118 sites. He still has 200 trips to input. Enough money is available through the end of this year for data entry.

Gene will e-mail the board members to ascertain the number of volunteer hours each spends for PSO per year.

Gene moved to adjourn. Linda seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Higbee, Secretary