

Board of Directors' Meeting Boalsburg, PA

November 10, 2007

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology met on November 10, 2007. Present were Rob Blye, Greg Grove, Frank Haas, Margaret and Roger Higbee, Shonah Hunter, Rudy Keller, Arlene Koch, Sandy Lockerman, Flo McGuire, Carmen Santasania, Jack Soloman, and Linda Wagner. Rudy called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Sandy seconded the motion which was approved.

Frank distributed copies of the treasurer's report and commented that PSO is OK money wise, but there is a downward trend in the membership. Greg suggested that the table of contents of *PA Birds* be sent to the list serve to try to entice people to join. Frank still has some of the new brochures but is coming to the end of them. Sandy said that she will print more. Frank suggested that Carmen put a note on the welcome page of the PA list serve about PSO including the web address. It was suggested that we ask the new Bucks County Bird Club to add PSO to their web site. Jack said that he will have it added to the Three Rivers Birding Club site also.

Geoff Malosh has a list of what he thinks is needed for *PA Birds*.

Frank discussed the possibility of publishing *PA Birds* on line. This would require new software with password protection for those who want it on line. Shonah suggested that Frank, Geoff, and Carmen discuss the content of the website including *PA Birds* on line. The charge for advertising in *PA Birds* was also discussed. Frank suggested maybe \$100 for ½ to a full page. Frank will talk to Carmen about taking over the web site. Dave DeReamus is now responsible for what's hot and pictures of rare birds.

The possibility of using ABA's list of birders in state to send invitations to join was discussed. It costs \$0.50 to \$1 per name to use it. Shonah suggested that if the above ideas did not work then we could consider paying for the list.

Another idea was to put the table of contents on the list serve and the website address where one of the article from *PA Birds* could be found. Jack, Frank, Geoff, and Rob will work on the list serve posting.

Nominations Committee

Members of the committee are Flo, Carmen, and Greg. The nominations are as follows:

President - Arlene Koch

Vice President - Tom Kuehl

Secretary - Roger Higbee

Treasurer - Frank Haas

The following board members have agreed to serve another term:

Shonah Hunter

Mark McConaughy

John Fedak

Sandra Lockerman

Awards

Flo will keep the same committee and write an article for the Poole and Conservation awards.

John Fedak emailed that there are no certificates of appreciation pending. Thirteen have been given to persons welcoming birders.

The board agreed that the author of an article should receive a free copy of the *PA Birds* issue in which the article appeared.

Greg said that the results of the Winter Raptor Survey will be posted on the PSO web site. It was suggested that PSO adopt the survey as a sponsor. Frank made the motion, and Shonah seconded it. The motion passed. Greg mentioned that he has been asked to write articles about the survey for several different publications.

Corey Husic would like PSO to sponsor a young birder conference. It was suggested that he be encouraged to come to PSO on a youth scholarship. Rudy will email and tell him we will look into a youth subgroup or conference.

E-Bird

The PA Game Commission and Doug are moving forward with this idea. Frank and Rudy will attend a meeting about it.

2009 Annual Meeting - Bucks County

There is a problem with the cost of accommodations. The best price is at the Hampton Suite and Inn for \$149 per night. The Sheraton at Langhorne was the same. An alternative would be the Diamond Ridge Camp and Conference Center near Jamison. The cost would be \$55 per night including meals. We would have to provide a caterer for the banquet. Rob made a motion to have the meeting in Bucks County and focus on the camp as the meeting place. Frank seconded the motion which passed.

The general feeling is that the 2010 meeting should be at Presque Isle.

2008 Annual Meeting - Pittsburgh

The meeting will be held at the Sheraton by Four Points North. A hot buffet breakfast will be included as part of the room charge. Field trips are already planned with a Friday trip to the National Aviary. Also, there will be a Friday night Whip-poor-will trip after the business meeting. The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania would like to sponsor the Friday night social. They will also provide the audio and visual equipment for the programs. The banquet menu will be decided by email. Jack would like the speakers programs in advance to make sure that they will run. The Three Rivers Birding Club will help with the registration table.

Possible speakers

Todd Katzner – National Aviary

Adrienne Lepold – Powdermill bander

Steve Latta - Neotropical Migrants

Bridget Stutchbury – Hooded Warblers in Crawford County

Mike Lanzone – Night migration

Eugene Morton – Hooded Warbler

Tommy Bledsoe – Avian rarity causes

Scott Robinson – Affects of forest fragmentation on neotropical migrants

Charles Bier – Western Pennsylvania Conservancy - Peregrine nesting

Dan Brauning – Peregrines

Geoff Malosh – Banquet speaker - Digital photography

Shonah – Registration form

The non-member section will be eliminated but the spouse section will be retained.

Vendors

PSO Sales

Aden Troyer

Karena Gregg

ASWP

Wild Birds Unlimited

Tom Polish – Photography

Bird Screen Company

Wild Bird Center

Women of the Cloud Forest

Sheree Daughtery – Artwork

Larry Barth – Carving

Brad Wiley – Carving

The board decided that we should give Nick Pulcinella a certificate of appreciation for the time he spent as editor of *PA Birds*. It was also suggested that PSO give him a framed hummingbird print. The cost would be approximately \$40 for the print and \$400 for the framing. Arlene made the motion which Rob seconded. The motion passed.

The board decided to sell long sleeved t-shirts. We will get 12 of assorted sizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Higbee