

PSO Board of Directors' Conference Call

October 29, 2011

The PSO Board of Directors conducted the fall meeting via a conference call due to a snow storm over most of the state. The following members participated in the call: Tom Kuehl, Carmen Santasania, Linda Wagner, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, John Fedak, Mike Fialkovich, Scott Stoleson, and Arlene Koch. Tom called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Minutes

The minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Tom moved and Carmen seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Frank sent a general report of the finances. He reported that from May through October 27 that we had \$11,000 in income and \$8,000 dollars in expenses which leaves us with a bank balance of \$10,606. On November 30 last year the bank balance was approximately \$12,000. Membership has remained constant over the past year. There are currently 420 members compared to 419 in 2010, 488 in 2002, and 453 in 2008.

T-shirts

Linda reported that we need to purchase more T-shirts before the next annual meeting. John suggested khaki or tan as a different color and it was generally agreed that both long and short sleeved shirts should be ordered.

Newsletter

Margaret said that articles for the newsletter are needed from other people. John said that he will send an article for the newsletter. The deadline for the December newsletter is November 25.

Certificates of Appreciation

John reported that there was only one new COA. It is the Highspire Boating Association, Mark Shartle president. John made a motion and Margaret seconded it to approve the COA.

Awards Committee

John reported there are the three candidates from last year who were not selected for the Poole Award plus several more that are available to consider. The committee needs nominations for the Conservation Award. He also said that he would like to work with the committee that he worked with last year.

PA Birds

We briefly discussed some of the information that Geoff distributed by email prior to meeting. One of them was the compilation of the survey of county compilers which he included and is 12½ pages long. At present, Ebird can be used by the compilers if they wish, but he needs to decide on a definite policy about its use. A photo editor has not yet been found.

Board Members

Carmen said that he would consider the possibility of accepting the office of vice-president for the next term. Arlene will also consider continuing on the board as a director after her term as past president is complete next year. Other possible candidates for director are Joe De Marco former president of Audubon, Marjorie Howard from Greene County, Keith Russell from southeast PA, Flo McGuire former board member from Seneca Rocks Audubon, or someone from DVOC.

When contacted, Doug Gross said that he would be happy to represent the PA Game Commission at the board meetings. Kim Van Fleet will also be asked again if she would like to attend to represent PA Audubon.

Annual Meeting

Shonah emailed the board with information that she has gathered so far. Shonah recommends that the annual meeting be in Lock Haven at the Sieg Conference Center of Lock Haven University. She has also

contacted a caterer for the banquet. Arlene recommended that we go with Shonah's recommendation. Additional details may be found in Shonah's email. Wayne Laubscher has volunteered to arrange field trips. Tom said that he will start looking for presenters, speakers, and vendors. John talked to Scott Weidensaul about giving a presentation. Carmen said that he would also talk to him. (He is not available.) Doug Gross was suggested as an afternoon presenter.

Linda moved to adjourn and Carmen seconded the motion.

The conference call was completed at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Higbee, Secretary