

PSO Board of Directors' Teleconference Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2021

The PSO Board of Directors conducted a teleconference meeting with the following members participating: Eli DePaulis, Mike Fialkovich, Deb Grove, Greg Grove, Margaret Higbee, Roger Higbee, Laura Jackson, Chad Kauffman, Wayne Laubscher, Evan Mann, Linda Wagner, Carole Winslow, and David Yeany. Evan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes – Evan

Evan began the meeting by asking for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021, meeting which Roger had distributed prior to the meeting. David made the motion which Laura seconded.

Bylaws – Mike

Mike reviewed the changes that he proposed to the bylaws. Everyone agreed that they look good. It was also noted that additional changes still need to be made. Evan, Deb, and Mike said they will work on them. See Mike's email of May 4, 2021 to which he attached his suggested revisions.

Student Research Grants – Deb

Four students have applied for the research grants offered by PSO. The projects were rated on four criteria and awarded points for each. Amy Lindsey, a PhD candidate, plans to use stable isotopes to determine where birds migrate. She is currently working at Powdermill. Dr. Lori Greene from Bloomsburg is studying Tree Swallows to determine their food preference. Two other applicants submitted proposed projects that were not as strong as the first two. The committee reviewing the proposals were Deb and Greg Grove, Jane Earle, John Fedak, Doug Gross, and Emily Thomas. The Grant Committee recommended the above two candidates, and the board agreed.

PSO Board Membership – Evan

The board is seeking to replace several members who will be leaving the board this September. A number of people have been asked, but only several have responded positively. It was decided to limit the number of new members to three plus the PGC liaison. The candidates are Julia Plummer, Tony DeSantis, and Bryan Burns. Greg, Marg, and Laura in respective order will contact them to let them know. David will contact Sean Murphy to determine if he will be the PGC liaison as a non-voting member.

The discussion turned to how we will conduct the vote for the board members. It was noted that the bylaws require 10% of the membership to be present to have a valid vote. Some of the suggestions that were made to obtain the necessary attendance were to have an email vote, a Zoom meeting, a doodle vote, and a vote by Google. The final decision was to have an email vote. The other concern is that we do not have a candidate for president. It was suggested that we ask a former president if he or she would be willing to serve again. Carole volunteered to talk to John Fedak to see whether he would be willing to be president again. If John will not serve again, then we need to send an email to the membership to see if someone else is interested. A brief summation of why someone might want to be president and quotes from past presidents concerning why being president of PSO is a good thing will be included. Evan volunteered to put something together to send out.

Annual Meeting Alternative – Evan

After some discussion, it was suggested that we could have a business meeting by Zoom for a maximum of 20 minutes to let the membership know what is going on; this meeting will include a treasurer's report and other important information followed by a speaker. The total length of meeting will be no more than an hour. All expenses will be paid by PSO. A committee of Chad, Laura, and David volunteered to put the meeting together. Emily Thomas was later added. Possible speakers suggested were Bob Mulvihill, Matt Young, and

David Yeany. David will contact Matt to see if he is interested and what dates would work for him. We should plan for 500 people since we plan to advertise it to the general public as well as to our membership.

It was also suggested that we might consider holding webinars once or twice a year even after we return to our face-to-face annual meetings.

B4C – Evan and Laura

Evan said the preparations for the B4C are going well. Laura informed us that we have already raised \$3070 of our \$5000 goal, and if we reach that goal, the goal will be raised.

Newsletter -- Margaret

Margaret reminded everyone that we need some promotion of the annual meeting in the June newsletter since it will be the last issue before the September meeting. She was told to include that the meeting will be held in September and that members should watch for an email and/or check the website for further information. Chad volunteered to write something about the meeting.

PORC – David

David gave a brief update of PORC's recent activities.

Recent PORC Activities:

- Accepted 11 new records under Class 1 (photo, eBird expedited record)
- Accepted one new record under Class III (sight/sound one observer)
- Not Accepted: Mississippi Kite (Philadelphia), Black Rail (Jefferson)
- One eBird Expedited Record to Full Review: Parasitic Jaeger (Lancaster)
- Currently reviewing and voting on 53 eBird expedited records

With no additional business to conduct, Chad moved to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by David at 7:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Higbee, Secretary