

## **New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS)**

### NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

21 August 2010

(APPROVED 20 November 2010)

The New Mexico Ornithological Society board met on 21 August, 2010 at 1:14 pm at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge visitor's center. Attending were: Dave Krueper, Jerry Oldenettel, Martha Desmond, Matt Baumann, Ashli Gorbet, Sandy Williams

After discussion of the minutes from 9 April 2010, they were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** The balance in our account is \$7164. We made a small profit on the annual meeting; expenses have been paid for the year.

Discussion of UNM mailing costs for NMOS Bulletin and NMOS Field Notes – We have an account with the UNM Bursar's Office to cover printing and mailing. We have a Post Office account to cover postage. Jerry needs to receive statements indicating amounts deposited and current balance in these accounts. Those with responsibilities for these accounts agreed to ensure that there is enough money in the account prior to sending out mailings.

**DECISION:** We will present annual NMOS T-shirt to Tonya Rintala, the Bulk Mail Supervisor, as thanks for her help with mailings/data management at UNM.

### **Publication Issues**

**NMOS Field Notes:** The Summer 2009 issue has been printed already.

**NMOS Bulletin:** Two manuscripts should be reading for the September issue.

**Checklists:** We had a discussion about producing the next update for the New Mexico Field Checklist. The updated checklist will be finalized after another round of the Bird Records Committee.

**DECISION:** Our target for new checklist printing is early 2011 (February-March). Dave will coordinate with Bill Howe, who has previously taken the lead in getting the printing coordinated.

**Future discussion:** The color for the new checklist so it is distinguishable for the current one.

**New Mexico Bird Finding Guide:** We still have 1224 copies. We need to have further discussions and develop strategies for how to move these. There was some discussion about providing updates to the BFG both online and possibly as an insert – information about new sites, updated info., etc.

There was also some discussion about how to distribute the PDFs that have been made of old John Hubbard publications – CD? Website? Further discussion is needed on this.

## **Other Issues**

**NMOS Website:** Matt Baumann was recognized for his hard work on the Rare Bird Alert; information provision to Matt is going well and Pat Snyder forwards any that she receives to him. There was a discussion about reports on “non-rare” birds of interest and where that information should go. For species that are not posted on the RBA, Matt has been encouraging people to post those sightings to the AZ-NM Birding list serve. It was noted that the NMOS Field Notes is not just for rare birds. Efforts continue to revise the NMOS Website photo gallery to serve bird photos directly in order to avoid link breakage problems.

**ACTION ITEM:** Work on fixing broken links on the website; encourage photo donation for the photo galleries.

**Artwork & Sales:** (1) There was discussion of the need to update our records regarding what stores sell or have sold NMOS merchandise and who is the responsible point of contact for each. (2) We also discussed the idea of getting a PayPal account to facilitate payment to NMOS for meetings, merchandise, etc. (3) We continued to discuss the project of Dale Zimmerman donating art prints for NMOS fundraising and how best to accomplish this.

**ACTION ITEM:** The existing records on stores and contacts should be consolidated into a single list and updated.

**Future discussion:** We should identify points of contact for each store and then reestablish contact.

**ACTION ITEM:** We will conduct an investigation to determine what would be involved and whether it is worth it.

**Annual Meeting:** There was some discussion about the best date to hold the annual meeting in Las Cruces in 2011 in order to avoid conflicts. Martha Desmond and David Griffin are the local contacts for meeting planning. We discussed what species to feature on the T-shirt. Sandy Williams volunteered to give the keynote address on Mexican Duck. There was some discussion about the possibilities for organizing some field trips in association with the meeting.

DECISIONS: (1) First choice for meeting date – April 9; second choice April 2, 2011. (2) We accepted Sandy's offer to give the keynote address at the banquet and therefore decided on the Mexican Duck for the T-shirt art. We will put out a call for artist submissions, with a designated timeline

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Roland Shook will be contacted to determine whether he is still willing to be the contact/coordinator for T-shirt printing. (2) David Griffin will be contacted with regard to planning field trips.

**Membership Directory:** There was some discussion about the need to continue to compile e-mail addresses for members and reduce inconsistencies and format for addresses. We would like to send out perhaps 1 or 2 e-mails annually.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Acronyms will be removed from addresses. (2) Determine if membership expiration dates can be printed on mailing labels. (3) Include a reminder at the end of the calendar year in NMOS publications to remind members to renew.

**NMOS Florence M. Bailey Awards:** We need to get Jim Travis' award to him. We discussed whether to wait until the next Albuquerque meeting to present the next award but no decision was made. Current members of the FMBailey Awards committee are Dave Krueper, Jonathan Batkin, and Chuck Hayes.

ACTION ITEM: Jim Travis' award will be mailed to him to avoid further delay.

**Research Expedition Idea:** A new idea was proposed for future consideration - The possibility of organizing a research expedition to fill in gaps or in our knowledge about birds in New Mexico. These could be structured as weekend type trips, Friday-Sunday. They would be open to NMOS members and may facilitate camaraderie among members. Further discussion is required.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.