

New Mexico Ornithological Society

NMOS Board Meeting

11 February 2012
(APPROVED 30 March 2012)

The NMOS Board met on 11 February 2012, at 1:10 pm at the Bosque del Apache NWR Headquarters, San Antonio, NM. Attending were: Jerry Oldenettel, Janet Bair, Martha Desmond, Dave Krueper, Janet Ruth, Ashli Gorbet, Sandy Williams, Matt Baumann, Chuck Hayes.

22 October 2011 Board Meeting Minutes were approved with clarifying changes.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry provided financial statement. There was a discussion on IRS tax requirements as a non-profit. PayPal flagged our account due to an issue over Cuba travel, and we are not able to receive payments online through PayPal.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Jerry will determine the amount in the general fund for the remainder of the year. (2) Jerry and Ashli will check on some membership status to determine why it isn't reflected in the member list. (3) Jerry will check into an alternative online payment company.

NMOS Field Notes / NMOS Bulletin:

Updates and status for NMOS Field Notes - We're caught-up for the year and on a good pace. Sandy began including black and white photographs in the Field Notes, which has received many compliments. We now have an ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) number on the inside cover of the Field Notes. The ISSN number for the Bulletin is in process. This allows tracking within the Library of Congress and is the official serials and periodicals number.

NMOS Bulletin – There is a lack of manuscripts for NMOS Bulletin. Janet B. provided a handout with manuscripts, potential manuscripts and future announcements and information. There was discussion on how to encourage submission of manuscripts: Several specific manuscript options for the near future were identified. Dave is planning a manuscript on the "History of NMOS"; after publication in the Bulletin, it will go onto the website as a .pdf.

Field Notes Database - Janet R. indicated the portal was down for about 5 months. It's been back up for about 3 weeks and Christopher Rustay is now inputting data again.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Ashli will ensure she has all the address changes and membership updates from 2012. (2) Janet B. will come up with a list of award recipients to solicit manuscripts from. She may also pursue a potential manuscript from Hawks Aloft regarding bosque monitoring. (3) Dave will send a

request in a president's note and a request will be made in e-mail confirmation for annual meeting attendants urging submission of old photographs from previous annual meetings/NMOS functions.

DECISION: Results of NMOS Field Expeditions will be published in NMOS Bulletin.

FUTURE DISCUSSION: Is there a need or desire to have NMOS historical documents professionally archived?

NMOS Officer/Board Nominations Report: Sandy Williams is the chair of the Nominating Committee, along with Bill Howe and Dave Mehlman. The slate of nominees for election will be posted on the webpage prior to elections (per bylaws). All current members of the board have agreed to two more years, except for Jonathan Batkin, from whom we are awaiting response.

Membership Drive: A number of board members/officers/appointees have worked very hard to compile a list of potential members. Dave sent out a mass e-mail encouraging membership. We need to take a more proactive approach to membership.

Fund-raising field tours

Cuba – November 2012 - The expedition sold out on the first morning reservations were open. There will be 14 participants. We will be raising \$300/person for the society as well as contributing to ornithological knowledge in Cuba. There is a potential to have this expedition be offered again in November 2015.

El Triunfo, Chiapas, MX – April 2013 - Dave has started the ball rolling in planning for this trip. Part of the trip will be at El Triunfo, and the rest of the trip will be coordinated with Dave MacKay for planning.

NMOS Field Checklist Update: Bill Howe has been working with Aiken printing to get the new checklist printed. In the past we have had ~5,000 printed.

DECISION: Have ~2000 copies of the new checklist (depending on price breaks, etc.) printed for purchase and provide a .pdf on the website at no charge.

50th Annual Meeting, 31 March 2012: Updates were provided on registration, venue arrangements, science session/abstracts, program printing, research grants, NMOS merchandise, and Zimmerman prints. Janet R. is working with Narca Moore-Craig and Roland Shook to have the artwork finished and the t-shirt printed. There was an extensive discussion on the format, topic, and speaker(s) for the keynote address, with a tentative decision for Dave and Sandy to work together toward a keynote address. We also began to discuss possible locations for the 2013 annual meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Dave will work with the hotel to have birthday cupcakes or cake for desert for the 50th annual meeting. (2) Dave will work with Roland to see if mention of the 50th meeting can be made on the sleeve of the t-shirt. (3) Janet R. will pursue having information on Zimmerman prints

disseminated to other newsletters/outlets. (4) Matt will put together an official field trip for the annual meeting - Embudito Canyon.

FUTURE DISCUSSION: When or to whom will the first numbered Dale Zimmerman prints be offered, and at what price?

Birds & Beers: This event on the last Tuesday of each month at O’Niell’s in Albuquerque is not an official event of NMOS, however it is a productive way to forge networks with Central New Mexico Audubon Society and other birders. Robert Munro is taking the lead in coordinating the effort. NMOS members are encouraged to attend.

Website: There were just general updates. Matt has been working with Ted Floyd to promote NMOS through the American Birding Association.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) PayPal buttons will be removed. (2) We need to determine a way to finalize online purchases. (3) Janet R. and Matt will work to put a Facebook badge on the website linking to the NMOS Facebook page.

NMOS Bird Finding Guide: Dave has sent a message to John Parmeter re: editor status and interest. He explained our desires to expand the guide for all counties in all seasons. Dave is awaiting John’s response.

Field Expeditions within New Mexico:

-Wind River Ranch, Mora County, May 11-13, 2012

-Guadalupe Mountains, June 2012 – still tentative, as Sitting Bull Falls and other areas are closed or have been burned.

Future Field Expeditions could include: Otero Mesa grasslands, Elephant Butte Lake “pelagic” trip, Chuska Mountains, or Sevilleta NWR for fall passage of Sprague’s Pipit.

ACTION ITEM: Matt will visit and scout the Guadalupe Mountains area to determine the potential for this expedition.

Audubon New Mexico proposal for IBA Technical Committee: Dave has been approached by Audubon NM to have NMOS serve as Important Bird Areas (IBA) Technical Committee. This would involve three NMOS board members or members at large acting to review IBA proposals.

VOTE: All in favor of NMOS taking on this responsibility; none opposed.

Next Board Meeting: March 30 board meeting/ barbeque at Dave and Janet’s house in Corrales.

Meeting Adjourned