

New Mexico Ornithological Society

NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

30 March 2012

(APPROVED 15 June 2012)

The NMOS Board met on 30 March 2012, at 5:15 pm at Dave Krueper and Janet Ruth's home in Corrales, NM. Attending were: Sandy Williams, Janet Ruth, Ashli Gorbet, Jerry Oldenettel, Dave Krueper, Matt Baumann, Jonathan Batkin, Roland Shook, Larry Malone, Christopher Rustay, Pat Mehlhop, John Parmeter.

11 February 2012 Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Oldenettel reported that finances are similar to the end of 2011.

NMOS Publications:

NMOS Bulletin - Sandy Williams reported on behalf of Janet Bair. She has several manuscripts on hand. She should have the next Bulletin ready in April.

NMOS Field Notes - Sandy will work to get the next Field Notes ready for the same timeframe to do a combined mailing of **Bulletin and Field Notes**.

Annual Meeting Coordination (for tomorrow's meeting)

Registration Table - Doors will open at 0700, registration to begin at 0730. Individuals were identified to work the registration table and the sales table.

Artist - Narca Moore-Craig will receive two T-shirts for generously donating the Scott's Oriole artwork.

Merchandise Prices - Short sleeve T-shirt \$20, long-sleeve T-shirt \$25, Hats \$20, Mugs \$10, Bird Finding Guide \$20, Checklists 4/\$1.00 for the new ones, previous year T-shirts \$20

Zimmerman prints - Pat Mehlhop will bring the appropriate number of prints and wrapping for transport. Prices are \$25 per print or \$100 for one of the two sets of five prints. Roland will present Pat Snider with a signed Zimmerman print of a Pinyon Jay at the Business Meeting.

Photography - All were encouraged to take photos at the meeting.

Miscellaneous - The Board members signed the framed print of Dave Krueper's photo of a Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch to be presented to Nancy Cox at the meeting, recognizing her service to NMOS. Checklists and T-shirts have been picked up. Assignments were made to give update reports at the business meeting.

Important Bird Area (IBA) Nominations

Christopher Rustay gave a presentation about the New Mexico Important Bird Area (IBA) program in light of the NMOS agreement to serve as the IBA Technical Committee that evaluates IBA nominations (11 February 2012 Minutes). He described the nomination criteria and a bit of the history. The initial IBA Committee was formed ~10 years ago and put together a state technical committee. Sixty two sites were nominated and processed. Christopher then presented some information about a current IBA nomination for the Lower Rio Grande Bosque. The nomination covers a large geographic area. There was discussion about the important birds and habitats represented by this nominated area.

Dave Krueper indicated that NMOS had not reviewed the nomination sufficiently nor identified a committee for consideration of nominations. There was some concern that this nomination had been presented with little time to review and that the NMOS Board could not make a decision at this time. Christopher expressed a wish for a "timely" decision, which was suggested to be sometime next week (the first week of April 2012).

DECISIONS: (1) Dave Krueper will serve as the NMOS contact for IBA coordination. (2) Christopher Rustay will act as the liaison between NMOS and NM Audubon.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) NMOS will identify a committee that will serve to make recommendations to the board on IBA Nominations. (2) NMOS Board Members will evaluate the Lower Rio Grande IBA nomination, and attempt to make a decision this evening.

Date and location for the 2013 Annual Meeting

Possible locations/venues and local hosts were presented and discussed:

- Chama / Dulce (Dale Stahlecker)
- Farmington (Tim Reeves and Jim Ramakka)
- Silver City (Roland Shook and Dale Zimmerman) – Dale is interested in giving a keynote address.

DECISION: Next year's meeting will be held in Silver City.

NMOS Bird Finding Guide Update

John Parmeter presented a power-point analyzing the Third Edition (2002) of the New Mexico Bird Finding Guide and discussing a path forward with the Fourth Edition. He feels the current system, using counties as geographic boundaries, should be carried forth. John has assigned authors to write up the majority of county accounts, but several accounts still need authors. John asked for assistance from the board in identifying potential authors for these counties. It was also noted that (1) maps will need to be re-done and someone will need to be identified to do this, and (2) current page formats should be reviewed with the goal of maximizing the efficiency of each page in providing necessary information. John felt that the Fourth Edition should be ready for sale in Spring 2013.

There was some discussion about the editing of these county accounts. John was concerned about micromanagement by the NMOS Board and the possibility that each member of the board would have the right to change content without the consent of the author. All board members present were in agreement that this is not the intent of the board. However, most members of the board indicated that if this is to be an NMOS product, NMOS should have some say in the content, scope, and focus of the effort. John suggested NMOS identify an editor or editors to review county accounts.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Work with John P to identify someone who can design the maps for the BFG; and (2) Work with John P to identify editor(s) to work with him on the BFG accounts.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm