

New Mexico Ornithological Society

NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

26 April 2013

APPROVED 16 November 2013

The Board of the New Mexico Ornithological Society met at 1:30 p.m. in the President's Meeting Room at Western New Mexico University in Silver City, NM. Attending were: Dave Krueper, Janet Ruth, Ashli Gorbet, Sandy Williams, Pat Mehlhop, Jerry Oldenettel, Martha Desmond

Minutes from the 23 February 2013 Board meeting were approved with editorial amendments. Action items from previous meeting's minutes were reviewed for status; ongoing action items were related to the development of an updated New Mexico Bird Finding Guide (NMBFG).

Treasurer's Report: Jerry went over the treasurer's report that appeared in the *NMOS Bulletin*. We started 2012 with about \$33,000 and ended with about \$26,000. Rayo submitted an invoice from Natural Heritage New Mexico (NHNM) for services related to the NMOS Field Notes database in 2012 and 2013 for \$1000 total. It was noted that any contribution over \$250 requires a letter of acknowledgement for tax purposes. The NMOS president will send out letters for these contributions. There was also discussion about expenditures related to the previous NMBFG. The third edition was printed in 2002 and cost ~\$32,000 for printing. Since printing, NMOS has brought in ~\$45,000 in NMBFG sales, a net gain of ~\$13,000. We sold approximately 3800 copies through 2008 and many since then.

ONGOING ACTION ITEM: The Treasurer will notify the President when we receive contributions that require acknowledgement.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Jerry will pay the NHNM invoice. (2) Dave will determine how much Roland has been paying for the NMOS website domain names in order to reimburse him. (3) Jerry will provide Pat Mehlhop with an indication of publication monies available for mapping purposes.

NMOS Publications:

NMOS Field Notes -- The last mailing was in February/March, which completed Volume 50. Sandy expects four issues for Volume 51.

NMOS Bulletin -- Volume 41, No. 1 is ready to be finalized when Janet B. gets back from Costa Rica. Several manuscripts are in review and the next issue (No. 2) will include Annual Meeting Abstracts, Research Grant Awards notifications,

and a tribute to Mary Alice Root. All issues of the 2010 and 2011 **NMOS Bulletin** have been posted electronically on the NMOS website.

Sandy is working with University of New Mexico (UNM) regarding the status of our account there related to publications.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Jerry needs to scan 2001-2004 Bulletins. Once that happens, all past Bulletins will be available electronically on the website. (2) Sandy will continue to work with UNM on account issues.

NMOS Research Grant Awards: We received six proposals for this year's grants. Janet R., Ashli, and Matt comprised the Research Grants Award Committee. 2013 Research Grant Awardees are: for Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant -- David Griffin, Band-tailed Pigeon research; for NMOS Research Grant -- Cole Wolf, Yellow-rumped Warbler research. Janet will announce the awards at the Annual Business Meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Janet R. will follow up with previous grant recipients who have not yet presented their research at the Annual Meeting or as a publication in the Bulletin and seek to have them fulfill this requirement.

Nominations Committee update: Elections will be held at 2014 Annual Meeting. There will need to be a transition and "training /recruitment" period for several committee members. Janet R and Dave will be stepping down in 2014. Dave would like to have the incoming president work with him in annual meeting planning in order to transition duties for the next president. Janet R. would like to transition website duties to her successor as well. Some possible future officers and successors for responsibilities were discussed.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Dave will develop "cheat sheets" for guidance for the incoming president. (2) Dave will approach Chuck (not present at meeting) to gauge his interest in assuming the role of annual meeting coordinator. (3) Janet will approach Matt to gauge his interest in assuming role for website duties.

NMOS Website and Field Notes Database updates: There is a need to address the PayPal situation.

A report from Christopher Rustay indicates that data entry for NMOS Field Notes Database is current to mid-spring 2009.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Jerry will seek to determine an alternative to PayPal. Janet R. will provide suggestions she received from Narca Moore-Craig. (2) Janet R. will work with Janet B. to get author guidelines for **NMOS Bulletin** up on the website.

Draft language on Advertisement or Sale of Merchandise: Janet R. provided draft language for an NMOS policy on the advertisement or sale of merchandise at NMOS events or on the NMOS website. Several editorial revisions were suggested.

DECISION: This policy with revisions was adopted unanimously by the board.

ACTION ITEM: Janet R. will post this policy to the website.

Pledge to Fledge (P2F) update: Ashli reported there will be no official P2F event for NMOS this year. Ashli will introduce P2F to the membership tomorrow and solicit suggestions/help for future initiatives.

52nd Annual Meeting: The meeting in 2015 will be held at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn in Albuquerque. There was a discussion of dates.

DECISION: April 26 is our first choice with April 12 our backup date.

NMOS Fundraising Field Trips update:

Spring Migration in Ohio -- Ashli will announce this fundraising field trip at tomorrow's business meeting. There are still a few spaces left for this trip in May 2013.

El Triunfo, Chiapas, Mexico -- Dates will be 17 March – 1 April 2014. Dave provided a handout with information on this fundraising field trip and it will be available at the Annual Meeting for the membership.

Mary Alice Root Celebration: This celebration of her life is to be held 4 May 2013 at the New Mexico Natural History Museum. Ashli has been working on a reprint of the Diatryma T-shirts; shirts will be ready next week.

ACTION ITEM: Dave will email Terry Root to inquire into number of T-shirts the family would like.

NMOS Bird Finding Guide update

Sandy reported on the status of the NMBFG update. (1) Chapters – Drafts are in for all but five counties; some drafts have been reviewed and returned to authors for revision. (2) Regional introductions – all but one are complete. (3) Work continues on brief species accounts. (4) The NMBFG Design and Production Committee, especially Pat Mehlhop, has been working with Natural Heritage New Mexico on design of maps. (5) Publication date – The estimate is that we're looking at a publication in approximately one year.

There was discussion of publishing costs and opportunities. We may look into sponsorship. Cost is expected to be in the \$40,000 range and may not involve a print run of the same size as the last edition; perhaps 75% of the number of copies for the last edition.

Annual Meeting Coordination (for tomorrow's meeting): There were discussions about coordination for the meeting tomorrow – roles and actions needed related to registration table, science session, NMOS merchandise sales, photography of meeting; silent auction; etc.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

- Minutes recorded by Ashli Gorbet (Secretary)