

New Mexico Ornithological Society

NMOS Board Meeting – Summary of Minutes

11 April 2008

(Approved 23 August 2008)

The New Mexico Ornithological Society board met on April 19, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the University of New Mexico. Present were Roland Shook, Dave Krueper, Jerry Oldenettel, Janet Ruth, Sandy Williams, Rob Doster, Tim Reeves, Linda Reeves, Chuck Hayes, and Nancy Cox.

Minutes from 19 January 2008 were accepted as adjusted.

Treasurer's Report: \$9,400 current balance; with 170 members.

Annual Meeting: Details on the annual meeting (the subsequent day) were given; 72 people were registered for the meeting and over 40 people for the banquet. It was suggested that we try to have more future meetings with NM Game & Fish highlighting species of concern or other issues of common interest. We have new one-page brochure to give out to new/potential members.

Website: Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant page has photos and writeups about last year's recipients; Florence M Bailey award web page still needs write ups for previous recipients. Annual meeting page will have summary of this year's meeting; Mission Statement will be a stand-alone page. Publications and Sales: will add photo of t-shirts, do not have old t-shirts or mugs any more, may add polo shirts eventually. Approved minutes will be posted; minutes not yet approved will be posted as DRAFT. We will post date and location of next board meeting as soon as determined. New web front page design will be tabled until further issues are resolved.

Bird Records Committee: Sandy will give an explanation of the process of submitting observations to the BRC; we have 3 more species accepted for New Mexico (Iceland Gull, Green Kingfisher, and Black-capped Gnatcatcher) for a total of 520 species.

NMOS Bulletin: Rob Doster (editor) has one paper out for revisions and another to be reviewed. He is aiming for a June publication date.

NMOS Field Notes: Sandy Williams (editor) has us as current in publishing, as North American Birds is.

NMOS Field Notes Database: Mary Alice will be giving a report at the annual meeting on how she is updating observer and location lists. The maintenance fee to Natural Heritage New Mexico for the database covers costs to maintain the database such as electricity, needed computer hardware and software, data backups, general upkeep, and database support. We have paid \$2000 for maintenance fees in arrears. We discussed how to handle corrections in either the database or the original Field Notes.

Rare Bird Alert: Roland has been updating this twice a week upon receiving it from Pat Snider. We should talk with Pat about whether she knows of anyone who could replace her?

Calendar of Assignments: We will confirm location of our next Annual meeting in July for 2009. Steve Fettig will be our local contact and he already has a location selected (Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos). We need to select a date and discussed species for a t-shirt. We selected American Three-toed Woodpecker for the t-shirt but have Black-billed Magpie as a back-up. Dale Zimmerman will be contacted about drawings, use for mugs as well as t-shirts, etc. We discussed whether to also sell Dale's note cards?

Board Meeting: Next meeting will be in August.

Miscellaneous: We discussed identifying an official NMOS logo. We selected Greater Roadrunner but need to determine what piece of roadrunner art to use; Dale Zimmerman will be contacted. We will need to have permission from Dale to use it as a logo for multiple purposes (letterhead, polo shirts, etc.).

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.