

New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS)

NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

9 January 2010
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The New Mexico Ornithological Society board met on January 9, 2010, at 2:03 p.m. at Bosque del Apache NWR. Attending were: Roland Shook, Sandy Williams, Martha Desmond, Dave Krueper, Chuck Hayes, Janet Ruth, Matt Baumann, Pat Mehlhop, and Nancy Cox. Christopher Rustay was a guest presenter.

Minutes from August 29 were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

2010 Annual Meeting: Dave Krueper reported on the contract arrangements with Best Western Rio Grande Inn for 10 April 2010; keynote speaker is Murrelet Halterman who has 15 years experience studying Yellow-billed Cuckoos. The call for papers has been mailed out. The T-shirt is in production; it will be made in 3 or 4 colors, produced by Morning Star. Several items related to the annual meeting were identified for future discussion.

DECISION: We will keep the same price for registration as last year.

DECISION: NMOS will reimburse Murrelet's expenses associated with her travel to the meeting.

DECISION: We will publish the Yellow-billed Cuckoo symposium proceedings as we did with the Gray Vireo symposium.

ACTION ITEM: Registration form will be developed and posted on the website.

ACTION ITEM: Nancy will ask U.S. Forest Service about special use permit for owl field trip.

Next Annual Meeting (2011): There was some discussion regarding the location for the 2011 meeting; final decisions are to be made in the future.

DECISION: We will give the local meeting coordinator a T-shirt and will pay for meal and meeting registration as thanks for assistance.

Next Board Meeting: There was discussion about holding the next NMOS Board meeting on the Friday before the Annual Meeting.

NMOS Field Notes Database data entry: Christopher Rustay, who has taken over data entry for the NMOS Field Notes database, gave a presentation on the database. He is developing a manual for data entry. The database can be updated remotely; translation from Field Notes to database is the biggest problem. The NMOS Field Notes database team consists of Rayo McCollough (Natural Heritage New Mexico), Janet Ruth (NMOS Board), and Christopher Rustay. Christopher presented information about a series of problems he has discovered as he has begun to enter data and asked the NMOS Board for guidance in how to address them. Each issue was thoroughly discussed.

DECISION: The NMOS Board made a series of decisions regarding how Christopher should handle these problems and approved Christopher's work to initiate the changes.

NMOS Field Notes Database Queries: Janet Ruth presented a summary of issues related to the current situation with regard to accessing data through an online database search, proposed some potential future revisions, and led a discussion regarding future actions. Issues over which there was much discussion included questions regarding control of access and how/whether to charge for custom queries; it was determined that further discussion was required.

DECISION: A moratorium on custom searches by Rayo M was established until the next NMOS Board meeting in April where this will be discussed further.

Fund Raising: Roland Shook presented information about the possibilities for several NMOS items that could be sold to raise money.

DECISION: Khaki color was chosen for NMOS hats with the logo embroidered on it; we will get 75 hats made in order to get a better price break.

Nominating Committee:

DECISION: Sandy Williams will chair the NMOS Nominating Committee for Board Members and Officers.

NMOS Bulletin editor:

ACTION ITEM: Dave Krueper will ask Janet Bair if she will consider being the new editor for the NMOS Bulletin.

Bird Finding Guides: We have many left at the printers (34 boxes of 36) and need to figure out how to sell more of them.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Jerry Oldenettel if we have paid off the initial outlay for printing.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.