

New Mexico Ornithological Society

NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

20 August 2006

The New Mexico Ornithological Society board met on August 20, 2006, at 2 p.m. in the new Education Building at Bosque del Apache. Present were Roland Shook, Dave Krueper, Jerry Oldenettel, Janet Ruth, Sandy Williams, Pat Snider, Rayo McCollough, and Nancy Cox.

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: \$13,027 ending balance; up \$1800 from the beginning of the year; made \$300 from Annual Meeting.

NMOS Field Notes Database: Mary Alice is working on a user handbook for the database. Roland wants to get a copy of this to have as part of the release information. We agree that the data can not be used to create range maps; some counties are incorrect. Several people present will try to spot check the data. How are things such as "fewer than usual" entered?; House Sparrows not reported. Mary Alice does not know the error %; Jerry believes that there is missing data. We will wait for Mary Alice to finish her handbook but we do currently have access to the database. We need to be able to state how the data is assimilated and distilled and the history of it; that it is not scientifically based. We need to draft something for review. How will it be released – MSB or NHNM?

Rayo said that there were maintenance fees that they need for access and update issues. He will send an e-mail to Roland regarding this. Hopefully in the future more NMOS volunteers will help enter data.

NMOS Bulletin: is ready but has not been delivered to the UNM Print Shop. Janet volunteered to deliver it. Roland is doing the editing and making a hard copy. Janet and Sandy have an idea for a new editor or meanwhile Roland will continue. (Thank you Roland and Janet for getting the Bulletin out) Sandy questions the accuracy of the Migratory Count; Jerry stated that it is not reviewed.

NMOS Field Notes: Sandy has 2004 winter, spring and is part way through summer (NOTE: this set has been sent out).

Field checklists: will be out of date due to the new taxonomic order. ABA is still selling the old ones. We should trade with them. (NOTE: ABA has ordered new checklists).

Annual Meeting: liaison for next year's meeting will be Steve West in the Carlsbad vicinity; date is set for April 28th as published in the Bulletin. Will look at Washington Ranch for accommodations.

T-shirts: need to go through Dale's drawings to select a design.

Misc: spreadsheet for BFG deliveries – need to revisit.

NMOS Website: Bruce is our webmaster but we need to find someone else; should ask for help in the next Bulletin. (NOTE: Thanks Janet for working on this – see e-mails)

Roland requested that the minutes be sent out as soon as possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.