

New Mexico Ornithological Society

NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

15 June 2012
(APPROVED 23 February 2013)

The NMOS Board met at 5:15pm at Janet Ruth and Dave Krueper's house in Corrales, NM on 15 June 2012. Attending were: Janet Ruth, Matt Baumann, Bill Howe, Dave Krueper, Sandy Williams, Ashli Gorbet, Jerry Oldenettel, Chuck Hayes, Jonathan Batkin.

The minutes from the 30 March 2012 Board Meeting were approved with minor revisions.

Treasurers Report: Jerry O indicated that the Annual Treasurer's Report and the NM Attorney's General Report were completed. He provided a summary of his annual treasurer activities and duties.

NMOS Member List: Several people on the member list were contacted who had not paid dues in more than two years.

FUTURE DISCUSSION: A Membership Chair will be designated to deal with membership renewal and retention.

51st Annual Meeting: There will be an NMOS Board meeting on 26 April 2013; the Annual Meeting will be held on 27 April 2013 in Silver City at the Western New Mexico University auditorium and annex rooms. An update was provided on the venue and banquet planning. Roland Shook has taken the lead as the local host and coordinator.

Discussions were held about what species to designate for the annual meeting T-shirt art, and what artists to contact. The following species were considered: Painted Redstart, Red-faced Warbler, Olive Warbler, Spotted Owl, Worthen's Sparrow, Yellow-eyed Junco, and Magnificent Hummingbird. The following artists were mentioned as possibilities: Lisa Walraven, who has recently moved to NM, and Andy Johnson, Museum of Southwestern Biology, who has previously showed interest. We discussed the possibility of setting up a table at the meeting for the artist to sell artwork.

DECISION: Olive Warbler was chosen as the featured species

ACTION ITEM: Janet R. will contact artists to determine if they're interested in donating work to NMOS for the Annual Meeting.

Dale Zimmerman is still interested in giving the keynote address. Possible backups were discussed in the event Dale chooses not to give the address or is unable to do so.

FUTURE DISCUSSION: Identify a backup speaker in case Dale cannot present.

NMOS Bird Finding Guide: An extensive discussion was held with regard to the status and process of developing a new edition of the New Mexico Bird Finding Guide (NMBFG). Dave K. presented information forwarded by John Parmeter on the status of his efforts.

CURRENT STATUS: (1) John P. is moving ahead quickly with plans. (2) Sandy Williams and Bill Howe have agreed to serve as an Editorial Committee for NMOS to ensure appropriate coverage of birding areas and contact with authors.

Discussions addressed the following:

- (1) appropriate level of involvement, oversight, and approval of NMOS in the development of the NMBFG given that it will go out under their name and will be funded up front by NMOS;
- (2) substantial contributions John P has made to NMOS, especially with regard to past and current NMBFGs;
- (3) need for the guide to provide well-rounded coverage for all birding state-wide;
- (4) importance of communication between NMOS and those working on the NMBFG;
- (5) what the editorial process might involve;
- (6) some particular components of the guide (e.g., how counties/chapters are arranged, what will be in the introductory chapter, what the species accounts would look like);
- (7) how we will get maps developed for the guide; it was agreed that the maps in the American Birding Association's Lane guides are a model for what we want;
- (8) use of bar graphs in the guide; it was agreed not to include them in this edition; other sources such as eBird can be mentioned;
- (9) possibility of a supplemental web page to provide information on private areas not included in the guide, updates, and other resources;
- (10) layout, figures/photos, and options for getting the new guide printed; and
- (11) how printing of the guide will be funded; the estimated printing budget is \$30,000; various options were mentioned.

DECISION: Dave K, Jonathan B, and Janet R agree to serve as the NMBFG Design and Production Committee to address issues related to mapping, layout, what graphics/illustrations would be used, and printing.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Dave K. will continue to communicate with the Editorial Committee and John P regarding the development of the

NMGFG revision. (2) Dave K will work with the Editorial Committee on guidelines to provide to chapter authors.

30 September 2012 was identified as a deadline for good working drafts from chapter authors to the Editorial Committee.

NMOS Bulletin and Field Notes Publications: Status reports were given.

NMOS Website: Janet R provided an update on the website and status of updates.

ACTION ITEM: Jerry O will provide scans of the missing NMOS Bulletin issues from the archives.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.