

New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS)

NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

9 April 2010

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The New Mexico Ornithological Society board met on April 9, 2010, at 1:13 p.m. at the US Fish & Wildlife Service office in Albuquerque. Attending were: Roland Shook, Jerry Oldenettel, Sandy Williams, Martha Desmond, Dave Krueper, Chuck Hayes, Janet Ruth, Matt Baumann, Nancy Cox, Janet Bair, Jonathan Batkin and Ashli Gorbet. Introductions of new members of the board (nominated and presumably elected at tomorrow's NMOS Annual Meeting) were made.

Minutes from January 9 were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in our account is \$7,558. We still have expenses for the Annual Meeting but we should make a profit.

NMOS Field Notes/Bulletin: We are on schedule with the Field Notes and plan to mail Field Notes together in envelopes with the Bulletin; we will need to stuff the envelopes but UNM Mailing Services will do the actual mailing for us.

NMOS Field Notes Database: A detailed summary of issues and proposed means to provide additional information and make the searchable database more user-friendly were presented and the board held extensive discussions about the options and implications.

DECISION: We do want to make additional information from the database available to interested parties

DECISION: We do want to add two check boxes (Breeding and Documentation) for online searches

DECISION: We do want to add all record fields to the downloadable tab-delimited file

DECISION: The general NMOS policy is – no custom searches; but if custom searches are necessary, we want to allow Natural Heritage New Mexico (NHNM) to charge for their time plus support for NMOS. The NMOS portion will be used to decrease the amount due to NHNM maintenance fees per year.

Website: As Roland Shook steps down as NMOS President, he will also step down from responsibilities related to posting information on the NMOS website. Other updates to the website were also discussed.

ACTION ITEM: Roland will train Janet Ruth (general content) and Matt Baumann (Hotline) to take over website responsibilities

ACTION ITEM: Remaining past NMOS Bulletins will be scanned for posting.

Bird Finding Guides: We are now making profit on all New Mexico Bird Finding Guide sales; efforts are underway to develop a new edition. Ways to promote the sale of the existing guide were discussed.

DECISION: Insert page telling readers to check website for any corrections to the Bird Finding Guide

ACTION ITEM: A request for corrections will be sent out

DECISION: Give discounts to groups such as Audubon societies

Fund Raising: New NMOS mugs, hats, and T-shirts were presented. The design for the embroidery can be used in the future for polo shirts, etc. Based on the costs to produce, the following decisions were made regarding selling prices.

DECISION: Selling prices – mugs (\$10); embroidered hats (\$20); current T-shirts (\$20); past T-shirts (\$10)

ACTION ITEM: Roland will continue to work with Dale Zimmerman on his artwork donation and will continue to be the T-shirt contact.

Annual Meeting: Needs related to tomorrow's NMOS Annual Meeting were discussed and responsible people were assigned. We will need to identify the T-shirt artist for next year.

F M Bailey awards: Status of nominations for future awards was discussed, as well as the need for an F M Bailey Award Committee to evaluate nominations.

DECISION: Committee will consist of Dave Krueper, Jonathan Batkin, and Chuck Hayes

Miscellaneous Issues:

1. Jim Karo

ACTION ITEM: Information about Jim Karo will be gathered to publish notice of his death in the next NMOS Bulletin.

2. Informal "Committees" – The Board discussed the need to identify informal committees to be responsible for various NMOS-related issues. The following committees and members were identified.

PUBLICATIONS: Sandy Williams, Janet Bair, and possibly Bill Howe

RYAN BEAULIEU RESEARCH GRANT: Jonathan Batkin (Chair), Janet Ruth, and Martha Desmond

WEBSITE: Janet Ruth and Matt Baumann

ANNUAL MEETING: Dave Krueper and Martha Desmond will be members, but someone is needed to chair this committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Jerry Oldenettel and Ashli Gorbet; two actions were identified for this committee – to send out renewal reminders in November via e-mail and to consolidate existing membership lists

MERCHANDISE AND SALES: Roland Shook and Janet Ruth

DATABASE: Janet Ruth, Christopher Rustay, and Rayo McCollough (NHNM)

FINANCE: Jerry Oldenettel, Dave Krueper, and Jonathan Batkin; this committee will also address fundraising issues.

3. Next Year's Annual Meeting:

FUTURE DISCUSSION: Las Cruces (with Dave Griffin as host) was proposed for next year's location (2011); a few other locations were mentioned (Farmington, Raton, Grants, Gallup)

4. Next Board meeting date:

DECISION: Dave will send out e-mails with options for a July meeting at Bosque del Apache NWR.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.