

# New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS)

## NMOS Board Meeting Minutes

25 October 2008

(APPROVED 21 February 2009)

The New Mexico Ornithological Society board met on October 25, 2008, at 2:15 p.m. at Bosque del Apache NWR. Attending were: Roland Shook, Dave Krueper, Jerry Oldenettel, Rob Doster, Chuck Hayes, Janet Ruth, Sandy Williams, Pat Mehlhop, and Nancy Cox.

Minutes from 23 August 2008 were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current NMOS account balance is just under \$8000; we owe \$3000 to support publication of *Birds of New Mexico*. Considering expected income and expenditures, we need to watch our budget; several options for raising our account balance were discussed.

ACTION ITEM: WE WILL DISCUSS FUNDRAISING OPTIONS AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING.

**Website:** A new software package for the website is being considered that will provide more flexibility and consistent formatting; we are also considering a different server. The website Photo Gallery now includes photos from NMOS annual meetings and photos of NM birds organized by families.

ACTION ITEM: LANGUAGE WILL BE ADDED TO THE BIRD RECORD COMMITTEE WEB PAGE THANKING DALE ZIMMERMAN AND ALAN CRAIG FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NMBRC OVER THE YEARS.

**Rare Bird Alert:** Roland has been updating the RBA twice a week on the NMOS Website upon receiving it from Pat Snider.

ACTION ITEM: ROLAND WILL CHANGE FORMAT TO SINGLE SPACE.

DECISION: WE WILL NOT POST ADVERTISING ON THE RBA OR ELSEWHERE ON THE NMOS WEBSITE, AS PER THE POSTED COMMERCIAL DISCLAIMER.

**Annual Meeting:** We will organize field trips, list 2 or 3 hotels in Los Alamos, and address audio-visual needs. Meeting announcement and call for papers will be posted on web and in next *NMOS Bulletin*; registration form will be in February *Bulletin*. T-shirt design: Dale Zimmerman will be drawing a Three-toed Woodpecker – we need about 3 weeks to get the t-shirts made. We still need a co-chair for science session; registration forms and payments will be sent to Roland.

ACTION ITEM: JANET WILL INVITE NATASHA (KOLIAR) CARR TO BE OUR KEY NOTE SPEAKER; IF NATASHA DECLINES WE HAVE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL BACKUP INVITEES.

**NMOS Bulletin:** 2008 Issue #3 has been published with FM Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award announcement; Issue #4 will have Annual Meeting call for papers and grant announcement; 2009 Issue #1 will have Annual Meeting registration form and financial report; Rob has 6 papers up for review.

ACTION ITEM: WE WILL DISCUSS PRINTING OF MEMBERSHIP LIST IN NMOS BULLETIN AT NEXT BOARD MEETING.

**NMOS Field Notes:** Summer and Fall 2007 issues are ready to be mailed and then Sandy will work on the Winter 2007 – 2008 issue.

**Bird Records Committee:** Dale Zimmerman and Alan Craig have stepped down as members of the Committee; 2 new members have been named – Rob Doster and John Parmeter. The current review package being circulated includes 3 potential 1<sup>st</sup> state records and there will be a potential 4<sup>th</sup> in another package in circulation soon.

**Lifetime Achievement Awards:** Chuck Hayes, Roland Shook and Dave Krueper make up the FMBailey Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. A nomination for a potential awardee has been submitted. Work continues on writing up descriptions of previous Award winners to post on the web.

ACTION ITEM: WE ARE WORKING WITH RECENT NOMINATOR TO FINALIZE A SUBMISSION TO THE COMMITTEE.

ACTION ITEM: WE WILL WORK TO FINALIZE THE WRITEUPS ON PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS.

**Next Board Meeting:** Next meeting will be in January.

ACTION ITEM: ROLAND WILL WORK WITH THE NMOS OFFICERS TO IDENTIFY A DATE FOR THIS NEXT MEETING.

## **Miscellaneous:**

Annual Meeting/T-shirt Art: We discussed the idea of holding an art competition for art designs for future Annual Meetings.

DECISION: WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE COMPETITION FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETING ART AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THIS APRIL.

ACTION ITEM: WE WILL DISCUSS DETAILS FOR THE ART COMPETITION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.