**February Board Meeting Minutes**

Apalachee Audubon Society

February 13, 2019

6:30 – 8:00

Florida Audubon Office, 308 North Monroe Street

Submitted by Donna Legare, Secretary

**The following board members were present:**  Donna Legare, David Arnold, Peter Kleinhenz, Jake Hartung, Rob Williams, Lilly Anderson-Messec, Peter Goren. Howard Kessler participated via I-phone

**Guest:** Tyler Dye, FSU sophomore and potential board member

**Treasurer’s Report** through February 12, 2019 – at end of report

6:30 – 6:35

General Updates (Peter)

* Introduction
  + January board minutes were approved and **Elizabeth will post them on website.**
  + We still need to approve the December minutes. **Kathleen will email these for board approval.**
  + Arbor Day – spectacular turnout, approximately 60 people including FAMU students, Apalachee Audubon members and interns and others. This was a City of Tallahassee event. Native trees were planted around the lake as well as some fruit and nut bearing trees.
* Donate Button on Website – in 5 – 7 business days we will be up and running reports Kathleen. Latest word as of Saturday is that it is now up and running.
* Audubon House – Falls Chase and Lichgate are out. Mike Sheridan will continue to look for appropriate houses and will let us know if anything comes up. Our committee is on hold at this time. Let Mike know if you see a potential house.

6:35 – 6:50

**Board Members for Next Year** – **Kathleen volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee**. **Rob volunteered to help.** **We are all tasked to suggest one possible board member** who will be active and bring different skill sets to the board. Ballot needs to be ready before our May meeting.

Someone suggested that we find a high school teacher or a university professor who could serve on the board. They might be able to help us interest students. **Howard will talk to Jeff Chanton** to see if he can recommend someone. **Our guest, Tyler Dye, is on the board of the Environmental Club at FSU and he will promote our events. Donna will ask Elizabeth to e-mail the pre-program slide show to him for publicity.**

Change bi-laws? **Peter will ask Ben Fusaro to change the bi-laws** to read that the President may serve 1 or 2 years. Currently the President only serves one year. Lilly agreed to be Vice President next year if Peter would commit to be President again next year. Then she would be President the following year. Peter has not committed to this, but we agreed that we should change the bi-laws.

**Peter will announce that we are looking for board members in the Limpkin Times**. (It went out in this week’s Limpkin Times). We will also **announce this at the next 2 meetings and Lilly will put it in Native Nurseries’ e-newsletter.**

6:50 – 7:05

**Banquet (Kathleen)** – We have secured the fellowship hall at Lafayette Presbyterian. We decided to look at alternatives for catering this year. **Donna and Peter G. volunteered to be on the Banquet committee** with Kathleen. We agreed that we will not do an end of the year mailing this year and instead will invite people to attend and announce next year’s ballot via Limpkin Times.

**Awards** – We decided not to do specific awards this year. We can give an award if we have someone special in mind. We will thank certain people at the Banquet.

7:05-7:25

Education Updates (Peter)

**Pineview After School Bird Club** – Betsy, David and Peter K need at least one more person to help every other Tuesday from 4:30 – 5:30 for the after school Bird Club. Our intern Niles was a regular volunteer with the Bird Club but he has moved. **Lilly volunteered to be there this coming Tuesday**.

**Pineview Bird Club Field Trip to Lake Elberta** – This is in the works. **Rob, Jake, Donna and Jody** will attend depending on the date, along with the usual Pineview volunteers.

**Lake Elberta**

* upcoming **clean-up on Sunday, February 17 from 2 – 4** – bring kayaks, canoes or work the shoreline – Ann and Charles Robshaw are organizing this. **Need volunteers**.
* upcoming **weeding day on Wednesday, February 27 from 4:15 – 5:30** with local volunteers from Walker Ford, other community centers, Stem4Girls. Need to weed the grass out of wildflower bed. **Need volunteers**.
* Saturday, April 27 – City Nature Challenge event at Lake Elberta. Interpretive sign to be installed.

**City Nature Challenge**

* this is a joint 4 day event with FWC, WFSU, IFAS, City of Tallahassee, Leon County and others
* it is a competition between Leon County and cities around the world in celebration of biodiversity. Participants will use iNaturalist to record their observations over the 4 days.
* We need at least 300 people to participate. On April 27, people will meet at Railroad Square and walk to Lake Elberta to make their observations and post them to iNaturalist.
* PBS will feature this eco-citizen day at Lake Elberta (WFSU).

7:25-7:40 Conservation (Rob)

* Apalachicola Riverkeeper has asked us to file an Amicus Brief for a lawsuit brought against Army Corps of Engineers by Earth Justice over their unfair water allocations. After some discussion, the Board approved the motion to engage Professor Roady to file an Amicus Brief for Apalachee Audubon Society. **Rob will keep us informed** as it is written so that we can have input. There is no cost involved.
* We also agreed that we should **keep our membership informed** about the Amicus Brief in the Limpkin Times and at our meetings – our chapter covers 6 counties all the way to the Apalachicola River and includes a major biodiversity hot spot.

7:40 – 7:55 Engagement

* Social – **Lilly and Elizabeth are planning a simple social for Thursday**, February 28 at Proof (new location). Details will be provided at next program meeting and in Limpkin Times.
* Science Salon – **Peter will deliver a program** on Lake Elberta, its history and AAS’s involvement in enhancing its wildlife habitat and our work with youth in the area. The board agreed that this is a good idea.
* College students – what can we do to recruit them? There is a FAMU Bioblitz this Saturday from 9 – 12. See earlier notes about Tyler Dye’s involvement with FSU Environment Club.

7:55-8:15

* next meeting – Sandy Beck with St. Francis Wildlife. David submitted an article with photos for Friday outdoor section of Tallahassee Democrat. Unfortunately the wrong time was printed so **board members should arrive to set up shortly before 6:30** to talk with early arrivals.
* Financial status of Lake Elberta project – Income as of 12/11: $8963.00, expenses as of 2/12/19: $3822.79. We are under budget partially because the City of Tallahassee provided all the trees for Arbor Day. It was suggested that we pay the interns more.
* Treasurer’s Report from Harvey follows:

7/23/18 907 Kathy Carr          1 yr web hosting            $216    $16537.55  
  7/23/18 908 Carol Press         Monarch Festival             $50    $16487.55  
  7/23/18 909 Donna Legare        Meeting food                 $79.50 $16408.05  
  7/ 2/18     NAS                 Grant                     $7,513    $23921.05  
  5/15/18 906 Taste Bud'z Catering Banquet                  $1,517.50 $22403.55   
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  8/10/18 910 Postmaster          1 yr Bulk Mail account #30  $225    $22178.55  
  8/13/18                         Birdathon #11                $50    $22228.55  
  8/26/18 911 Niles Morrow        Stipend from grant          $250    $21978.55  
  8/30/18 912 BBEF                Big Bend bi-annual dues      $30    $21948.55  
  8/30/18 913 Carolyn Back        Stipend from grant          $250    $21698.55  
  8/30/18 914 Harbria Gardner     Stipend from grant          $250    $21448.55  
  9/ 7/18 915 Ian Jones           Stipend from grant          $250    $21198.55  
  9/21/18 916 VOID  
  9/21/18 917 Peter KleinHenz     Audubon Assembly            $291.54 $20907.01  
  9/27/18 918 Peter KleinHenz     Audubon Assembly Regist.    $135    $20772.01  
  9/27/18 919 Niles Morrow        Audubon Assembly Regist.    $135    $20637.01  
10/ 3/18 920 Nat Aud Soc         9 Audubon Adventure kits    $413.55 $20223.46  
10/16/18 921 Anastasia Tyson     Meeting Flyers               $35.60 $20187.86  
10/18/18 922 Donna Legare        Seeds                       $136    $20051.86  
10/18/18 923 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support         $80    $19971.86  
10/18/18 924 VOID  
10/18/18 925 Kathy Carr          Constant Contact, 13 months $420.75 $19551.11  
  9/24/18     NAS                                             $190    $19741.11  
10/20/18 926 VOID  
10/20/18 927 Scott Davis         Membership talk             $200    $19541.11  
10/24/18 928 Target Printing     Brochures                   $918.64 $18622.47  
10/24/18                         Donation                    $100    $18722.47  
11/15/18 929 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support         $40    $18682.47  
11/15/18 930 NAS                 Membership                   $20    $18662.47  
11/15/18 931 NAS                 Intern Membership            $20    $18642.47  
11/15/18 932 NAS                 Intern Membership            $20    $18622.47  
11/15/18 933 NAS                 Intern Membership            $20    $18602.47  
11/15/18 934 NAS                 Intern Membership            $20    $18582.47  
11/19/18     Catherine Beaton    For Binocs                   $50    $18632.47  
11/19/18 935 SPCA                donation for speaker        $200    $18432.47  
11/19/18 936 ThemeWorks          Sign                        $825    $17607.47  
11/20/18 937 Peter Kleinhenz     herbicide                    $14    $17593.47  
11/26/18 938 Peter Kleinhenz     Lake Elberta Proj.          $21.50  $17571.97  
11/26/19 939 Ian Jones           Flagging Tape               $15.02  $17556.95  
11/27/18 940 Harbria Gardner     Event expenses              $72.89  $17484.06  
11/27/18 941 Friends of SMWR     5 bus trips title 1 Sch   $1250     $16234.06  
              Friends of SMWR, PO Box 368, St. Marks, FL 32355-0368  
12/ 3/18     McClure             Donation, Lake elberta      $250    $16484.06  
12/ 7/18 942 Niles Morrow        Reimb                        $53.21 $16430.85  
12/11/18                         Lake Elberta donations      $450  
12/11/18                         Xmas youth groups donations $250    $17130.85  
12/15/18 943 Ian Jones           Xmas bonus                   $50    $17080.85  
12/15/18 944 Niles Morrow        Xmas bonus                   $50    $17030.85  
12/15/18 945 Harbria Gardner     Xmas bonus                   $50    $16980.85  
12/15/18 946 Carolyn Back        Xmas bonus                   $50    $16930.85  
12/15/18 947 Ann Bidlingmaier    Sociel/Sierra Club reimb     $83.67 $16847.18  
  1/17/19 948 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support         $40    $16807.18  
  1/17/19 949 Pat Press           Supplies                     $25    $16787.18  
  1/23/19     Helen King          Donation                    $500    $17287.18  
  1/23/19     Karen Wendland Dix  Donation                     $50    $17337.18  
  1/23/19     Kathleen Carr       DONATION                     $96.80 $17433.98  
  1/28/19 950 Peter KleinHenz     Lake Elberta refreshments    $39.19 $17394.79  
  1/29/19 951 Peter KleinHenz     2 Binocs                     $99.98 $17294.81  
  2/10/19 952 FL Dept of State    Annual Incorp Report         $61.25 $17233.56  
  2/11/19     Philip S Parsons    Membership (?)              $150    $17383.56

2/12/19 953 Vacker Inc. Lake Elberta Interpretive Sign $1266 $16117.56

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.