

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
AOS Winter Meeting, January 27, 2018
Wildwood Inn, Crawfordville, FL

Call to order 3:10 pm

In attendance: Annabel Markle, Anne Miller, Donald Self, Elberta Reid, Harry Dean (presiding), Jean Folsom (recording), Joan Dixon, Ken Hare, Ken Ward, Larry Gardella, Stan Hamilton, Susan Barrow

Agenda:

Approval of minutes (Jean Folsom) – Minutes of Fall 2017 meeting were approved as amended to read: Bob Reed has permission to use the amount, approximately \$100, of funds (previously used for the Yellowhammer front cover etching) to print a color photo of the photo contest winner instead. The cost involved will be approximately the same as the cost of the etching; therefore a vote is not necessary.

Treasurer's Report (Joan Dixon and Elberta Reid) - As of December 31, 2017 AOS had a total checking and savings balance of \$55,937.92 and a profit of \$938.28. The checking and savings balance consists of \$41,527.66 - unrestricted funds and \$12,357.29 - permanent restricted net assets. A detailed balance sheet and profit and loss statement are attached. Joan stated that a complete report of the income and expenses of the winter 2018 meeting would be available at the spring meeting. She also stated that the checking balance has not been reconciled with the bank statement, but will be in the future. Joan reminded Harry, as new president, that he should become authorized to sign AOS checks and also have his name as owner of the AOS CD, along with the treasurer.

ACTION- Board approved Treasurer's report as submitted.

President's report (Harry Dean) –

- There is currently no speaker for Spring 2018 meeting, but we will have one by Feb. 10th in order to post spring meeting information in March Yellowhammer.
- Harry reported that Joan Dixon has agreed to serve as treasurer for more than the usual 2-year term. She will be using Quickbooks to keep AOS financial records.
- Discussion about who will keep the membership list up to date.- Joan stated that she was not willing to be treasurer and keep the membership list current. Last term Bianca Allen worked with the treasurer to keep the membership list up to date. Susan Barrow has volunteered to assist Joan in keeping the membership list up to date. Joan will keep a list of who has paid their membership dues and send this to Susan so that she can update the membership list.
- Anne suggested that we have the number of current members reported at each board meeting.
- Membership policy was reviewed and no changes were made. Policy is as follows:
 1. All membership dues are now due and payable Jan. 1st of each year. Reminders should be sent to current members (it was not decided who would send the reminders)

2. If a member joins October 1st or later, the dues shall be applied to the following year.
3. If a member does not pay dues, they will be kept on the membership list for an additional 2 years and will receive the Yellowhammer during that period.

Vice President's Report (Geoff Hill) – No report. Geoff is in on sabbatical in Australia and will miss the spring meeting as well.

Committee Reports:

Conservation (Greg Harber) No report, not present

Education (Shirley Farrell) No report, not present

Membership Recruitment (Larry Gardella) – Larry stated that the current membership list is inaccurate. He stated he did not know the success of the renewal letters that he sent to those that have not renewed since 2015. According to Larry's list there are currently 343 members, with 190 that have not paid their 2018 dues. Of the 343 about 30-40 are life members.

Public Relations (Anne Miller)

ACTION: A motion was made by Don Self and seconded by Ken Hare that Anne Miller has the Board's permission to spend up to \$200 to print current address labels to be used with approximately 1500 membership brochures that have incorrect mailing addresses.

Motion passed

ACTION: Anne Miller moved that we pay Joe Watts an additional \$100 for the extra time he has spent restoring the Alabama Birdlife database for the new website. Annabel Markle seconded. Motion passed.

Social Media (Carrie Threadgill) No report, not present. Ken Hare reported that Carrie updates AOS Facebook page, and that he handles other social media issues.

Online Services (Kathy Hicks) No report, not present.

Yellowhammer (Bob Reed) No report, not present.

Meetings (Kathryn Palmore) No report, not present. Harry suggested that Kathryn might need additional members on her committee.

Censusing/Bird Checklist/Ft Morgan (Greg Jackson) Harry stated that the corrected checklist is now available on the AOS website.

Bird Records (Steve McConnell) No report, not present.

Field Trips (Andrew Haffenden) Andrew worked with Lucy and Bob Duncan for the winter meeting field trips.

DIBS/Dan C. Holliman Research (Greg Harber) Greg reported via email that two applications were received by the deadline of December 2017: Liliana N. Calderon and Brooke Sykes. The Research Fund Committee recommended that AOS approve and provide the full amount requested by Liliana N. Calderon, (\$990). Her request of \$990 includes one laptop computer (\$750) and travel funds (\$240) to study migration stopover habitat use by neotropical land birds at six sites along the Northern Gulf Coast – of these six, three are in Alabama (two are Forever Wild properties). Although she is a student at the University of Delaware, she will be working with Dr. Theodore Zenzal – who is a past recipient of two Holliman Research grants.

ACTION: Don Self made a motion that the Board fund the Dan C. Holliman research committee's recommendation of \$990 award to Liliana N. Calderon. Larry Gardella seconded. Motion passed.

New Business – none

Old Business – Ken Hare gave updates on the progress of the AOS/ebird Project:

- Goal of Project: Reach an ebird minimum of 150 species and 150 complete checklists in all 67 Alabama counties.
- 2017 species progress: Seven of the 16 counties, with fewer than 150 species listed on ebird, now have 150 species.
- Now there are only 9 counties with fewer than 150 species listed on ebird - Bibb,
- Blount, Chilton, Coffee, Crenshaw, Fayette, Greene, Lamar, and Pickens.
- 2017 checklist progress: Eight of the 10 counties, with fewer than 150 complete checklists, now have 150 checklists on ebird.
- Now there are only 2 counties with fewer than 150 complete checklists – Fayette and Lamar.

Ken thanked members of his committee, and those that have written about ebird and led field trips to these under-reported counties.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Folsom