

Minutes of AOS Board of Directors Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 2019

Call to order (1:45 pm) Meeting time moved from 3 pm to 1:30 pm

ACTION: Minutes of Winter 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Dixon

For the first three months of 2019 the net income is \$952.51.

AOS has \$5,407.17 in unrestricted funds and \$13,701.29 in restricted funds in net assets.

AOS has \$33,066.06 in cash at PNC checking and a \$28,472.82 CD with the maturation date of 1/27/2020.

President' Report – Harry Dean

Fall meeting will be at the Church of the Island (old Methodist Fellowship Hall). Tables will be available

Kathryn Palmore suggested we consider not having a pot luck dinner on future Friday nights and replace it with a catered mixer. She stated several reasons for this suggestion:

- Minimize the need for volunteers to set up for pot luck.
- Eliminate the inconvenience to out of town members bringing and preparing food.
- Minimize the amount of garbage and plastics.

ACTION: A motion was made by Andrew Haffenden and seconded by Bob Reed that AOS discontinue having pot luck suppers on Friday night of the Dauphin Island meetings (Spring and Fall) and replace them with catered events. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Education – Shirley Farrell

Education committee supported Green Ribbon Schools at the Alabama State Department of Education. Troy University was the only state winner. The Education committee will provide a free Flying WILD Training, a guided birdwalk on campus, and three bluebird houses.

Many items have been donated for the silent auction held at the spring meeting. Profits will be used to purchase Flying WILD curriculum guides.

Membership – Larry Gardella

AOS has 20 new members, possibly as a result of the recent membership contest. Larry stated that a winner of the contest needs to be chosen. He also stated that ideally, we should get 10-12 new members each year.

Public Relations – Ken Hare

Ken Hare reported that eBird featured our AOS project for 3 days as a lead item on their website.

Pictures are needed for the rotating AOS featured photographer and need to be Alabama resident birds, not migrating birds.

May 4th is Global Big Day and eBird is sending a group of birders to bird all the Gulf coast on that day.

Meetings – Kathryn Palmore

Kathryn suggested we keep the meeting at the Shelby Center of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab with the church as a backup. The Sea Lab gives a \$450 discount to non-profits for using the Shelby Center. They have their own caterer which would be convenient to use.

Field trips -Andrew Haffenden

Andrew stated that the new system of having field trip participants contact Andrew before attending the trip, is working and that about 80% of participants did so this meeting.

Dan C. Holliman Research – Greg Harber

\$2000 has been paid to this year's grant recipient.

New Business

Damien Simbeck suggested that AOS consider combining our winter meeting with the Winter Bird Festival in Paris, TN. Discussion was held.

ACTION: A motion was made and passed that we not combine the winter meeting with the Paris, TN festival, mainly due to the travel distance involved for coastal members.

Financial – Joan Dixon

Joan reminded the board that the \$28,472 CD comes due in January and that the board needs to decide what to do with it. Suggestions included using it to help acquire property on Dauphin Island and to challenge AOS members to match this amount with donations.

ACTION: A committee was formed to decide what to do with the CD funds. Members include Andrew Haffenden, Anne Miller, Greg Harber and Ken Hare.

ACTION: A motion was made by Andrew Haffenden for AOS to begin sending digital and paper copies of the Yellowhammer to all current AOS members so that they will get used to receiving digital copies. The motion passed with one no vote from Bob Reed.

Adjourned 3 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Folsom
Secretary

