

**Cape Cod Bird Club
Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 2018**

Present: Peter Bono (Director), Mark Faherty (Director), Mary Jo Foti (Treasurer), Julie O'Neil (Secretary), Herb Raffaele (Director), Stephanie Paventy (Director).

President: Peter Bono reported that he had recently received three resignations: George Oleyer (VP), Sue Oleyer (Director, Refreshments), and Paul Schlansky (Communications). With the previously unfilled vacancy of Director, Merchandise, that leaves us with 4 vacancies on a 10-person Board.

Secretary: minutes of previous meeting (July 2018 planning meeting) - - approved.

Treasurer: MJ Foti presented her Spreadsheet with results through the end of July. **Action:** MJ will forward the August spreadsheet to the CCBC Board as soon as she has the end-of-month data.

Newsletter: Peter reported that he needs all input for the next *The Kingisher* by Sept 24—this includes the Programs for Oct and Nov as well as the Walks for Oct-Dec.

Membership: Herb Raffaele was welcomed as the newly appointed Director of Membership, filling Peter's vacated Directorship as Newsletter Editor.

There was a discussion of the membership database and of how we need to make sure the MailChimp email list is up-to-date before every emailing. Herb will start emailing welcoming missives to new members, which will serve to help validate their contact information.

Young Birder Scholarship Program: There was an intensive discussion on scholarships for individual student versus shifting the focus of the program to train teachers to integrate learning about birds into their curriculum. While there was general support for making a shift in focus, MJ felt that it would not be appropriate to make any change until after we announce the changes to the general membership, so that people making future donations would know that

their contributions might be used for different purposes than the Young Birder Scholarship.

Action: *Mark Faherty* will ask Christine Bates for the steps involved in making a reservation at the Audubon camp in Maine. He will call Hog Island and reserve ONE place for a young birder this year (2019)—at the latest week possible for the Young Birder program.

Action: *Peter* will start the process of informing the membership about our discussions so that we might have an updated plan in place to be used for 2020 and publicized by mid-2019.

New Business: Herb Raffaele suggested that the CCBC might consider making microscale donations to worthy local conservation efforts outside of Cape Cod (\$250 - \$500 or so), where our donation would have a significant impact. Based on Herb's extensive knowledge of and contacts in the Caribbean, he made three specific suggestions where we might act.

The Board decided to defer this new initiative until the Board vacancies are filled and we have time both for a deeper and broader discussion and for informing our membership about where their donations might go.

Action: *Peter* will use the President's column in *The Kingfisher* to start the discussion among the membership.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Julie O'Neil (Secretary, CCBC)

Program: Jake McCumber- "Birds of Camp Edwards: Army Conservation on the Upper Cape" [Program Attendance: 35-45]

Selected sightings:

Wigeon-Provincetown
Greater Scaup
Black-necked Stilt
Ruddy Turnstone

Wide selection of Sandpipers
Blackbird flocks
Storm Petrels