

**Cape Cod Bird Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 8, 2018**

***Present:*** Peter Bono (President), Mark Faherty (Director), Mary Jo Foti (Treasurer) , John Goodchild (Director), Julie O’Neil (Secretary), Stephanie Paventy (Director). Herb Raffaele (Director) , John Goodchild (Director)

1. **Peter Bono opened the meeting at 6:15pm and welcomed Lisa & Cheryl Collins, who have agreed to take over the Refreshments function, and also welcomed our new Board Member–John Goodchild, Merchandise Director.**
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes of previous Board Meeting (Bono/O’Neil)  
Approved**
3. **Treasurer’s Report (MJ Foti): MJ presented the September 2018 YTD figures. No surprises.**
4. **Board Openings and Appointments (Bono):**

**VP and Publicity Director positions are still open (no volunteers)**

**By voice vote, the Board approved the appointment of Lisa Collins as Director, Refreshments, to fill out the term vacated by the resignation of Sue Oleyer (3 year term ending May 2021). □**

5. **Peter has posted Position Descriptions for the VP and Director, Publicity, on the CCBC Website. Peter asks all current Officers and Directors to prepare their own Position Descriptions in the same format and email them to Peter, so that we can have a complete set on the website by the end of the year.**
6. **Membership (Herb Raffaele):**

**Herb suggested that we use “stick on” name tags in the future.**

**Peter suggested we allow people to rummage through the existing badges/badge holders to look for their own. If they find their badge, they can take it with them and bring it to future meetings. The Board agreed to try this out for a few meetings and reassess the whole issue of name tags/badges in the Spring.**

**Peter reported that about 50% of the members have renewed for 2018-19 renewals (132 of 266 households renewed so far). At the November meeting, we need to decide how to follow up with members who have not renewed (e.g., postcards, email blast, phone calls).**

**7. Teen Scholarship Status**

Since there were limited applications this past year, there was a discussion of broadening the concept and redirection of the Scholarship to Research & Education but the level at which it will work is still to be determined.

One possibility is to fund a summer “ornithology in education” short-course offering PDPs (Professional Development Points) perhaps through the STEM program at the Cape Cod Community College. We agreed to try to draw upon the expertise of Peter Trull.

On the Research side, Herb will write an article for the next *The Kingfisher*, draft to be reviewed and approved by whole Board by Dec 10. The article will explain the concept of microgrants and give some examples.

**8. The Kingfisher: Peter continues to draw “double duty” as the Editor of the Club Newsletter. The Article/Photo Deadline is Dec 14.**

MJ is working with last year’s Scholarship winner to see if she can get her to produce a one-page article for *The Kingfisher*.

**9. Merchandise: John Goodchild pointed out that he had a number of CCBC Baseball Caps with the Festival insignia and wondered what to do about them. He decided to bring in a selection of merchandise to the next general meeting and base his future selection on what people wanted.**

He will also be working with Terry Gavin to produce a webpage for the CCBC site that shows the merchandise we have available and gives directions on how to obtain it.

**10. Other Business:**

a. **Preparing for December Members’ Meeting: We need to obtain bake sale items; door prizes; and auction items, and we need to figure out what we will do for a program.**

b. **We need ideas for increasing number of bird walk leaders (e.g., running a training session; asking current leaders to invite co-leaders)**

c. **Mark is always open to ideas for 2019 Program Speakers or topics.**

**11. Meeting adjourned at 7pm.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Julie O’Neil (Secretary. CCBC)

**\* Program: John Van de Graaff – “Roaming for Birds in Europe, 2001-2018”**

**Selected Sightings**

Purple Finches at feeders

Black Skimmers at Sea Gull Beach, Yarmouth

Connecticut Warblers (Wing Island banding station)

Lots of Red-breasted Nuthatches at feeders

Program Attendance: 60