

**Cape Cod Bird Club – Board of Directors Meeting – Feb 11, 2019**  
**Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

1. **President, Peter Bono, opened the meeting at 6:15pm.** *Present:* Bono, Faherty, Foti, Goodchild, Raffaele. *Absent:* Paventy. There were no guests.
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes of previous Board Meetings:** There were no minutes taken at the January meeting, due to a lack of a quorum (only 4 were present; quorum is 5).
3. **Treasurer's Report:** MJ Foti presented the results for January 2019. After the first renewal reminder email in December, there was a spike in dues income, but that has fallen off in January. MJ announced that we have received an unrestricted gift of \$5,000 from the "Handy Family Charitable Fund" in memory of Edward Otis Handy, Jr., a long-time member and loyal supporter of the CCBC. **Action:** Peter Bono will announce this at the General Meeting tonight and in the next *The Kingfisher*. In addition, Peter will write a letter of thanks to the Handy family.
4. **Board Openings and Appointments.** Bono announced that he has received the resignations of Cheryl Collins as CCBC Secretary and Lisa Collins as CCBC Director of Refreshments—due to medical issues. This leaves the CCBC Board with 4 vacancies: Vice President; Secretary; and two Directors: Publicity (2020); Refreshments (2019). Bono also pointed out that we will need to appoint a Nominating Committee for the May elections.
5. **Membership.** Herb Raffaele reported that there are still 79 households not yet renewed for the 2018-19 membership year. **Action:** Bono will send a "second email reminder" via MailChimp to those households. *[At the time of making the email reminder, there were 70 households for whom we had email addresses.]*
6. **Young Birder Scholarship Status.** Mark Faherty reported that we have 3 applications. Bono pointed out that, while we have reserved only one place at the Hog Island Camp, the budget allows two awards to be granted. Consequently, if we have two suitable applicants and if we can get another space at the Hog Island Camp, we can make two grants this year. **Action:** Faherty, Foti, Bono, and Goodchild will review the applications and select the awardee. Faherty will email scans of all the applications to the above-mentioned four Officers/Directors.

7. **Research & Education Fund.** The Board agreed that we are now ready to solicit proposals from small NGOs. With the Handy gift and the contributions made in the past, we also have the funds to grant. We also outlined the constraints (T's & C's) associated with the grant. **Action:** Herb Raffaele was asked to contact some Caribbean NGOs and request proposals. *[Since the Board meeting, Herb has sent emails to four NGOs and he has prepared a guidelines document that requires a report, an article for The Kingfisher, and some photos.]* **Action:** The Board will review proposals as they come in and make one or more grants by the end of May, if possible.
8. **Newsletter.** *The Kingfisher* Editor, Peter Bono, stated that the Article/Photo Deadline is Mar 10, and he needs Bird Walks and Programs for April - June by Mar 25 (**Action:** Paventy/Faherty). **Action:** Bono will send the spring issue of *The Kingfisher* to the printer by the end of March.
9. **Merchandise:** Director John Goodchild explained his proposal that was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. It discussed how the club could offer logo-ed clothing and merchandise. MJ Foti reported that it worked well for husband Vinny's Fly Fishing Club. **Action:** John will follow up with MJ's help to set up a website that offers much of the same merchandise that the Fly Fishing Club offers. We will aim to have the website operational by mid-summer when the Summer Kingfisher comes out and the new membership year starts (end of August).
10. **Refreshments:** Bono reported that the sudden resignation of the Refreshments Director meant that he and his wife, Elaine, had to go pick up the food, supplies, etc., and purchase more items for tonight's meeting. Elaine will perform the refreshments function in Feb, Mar, and possibly May. She will not be available for April. *[At the general meeting later that night, a straw poll of the 30 or so people attending indicated that no one would NOT attend if there were no refreshments. However, after the meeting, several people approached me and said they would like to see us try to continue to offer refreshments. In addition, at least 3 people signed up to bring refreshments for each of March, April and May. Nevertheless, no one volunteered to do the setup and cleanup. So, we're getting "mixed messages" from the small sample of members that attended the February meeting.]*

## 11. Other Business

- **Board Member absences** (Mar through May): Bono will miss the April meeting; Faherty and Goodchild will miss the March meeting.
- **Left-over auction items:** Jan Raffaele saved some of the left-over auction items from the December meeting. **Action:** Herb will talk to Jan and report in March on whether there is enough stuff to make it worthwhile to hold a silent auction of this material. If so, we'll hold the auction in May.
- **Donated Camera:** A member, Ron Cadillac, donated a used Canon Camera. After a discussion, we decided to offer the camera first to our members. Peter Bono will take the camera, photograph it, and talk to Ron Cadillac about an acceptable minimum bid. *[After the general meeting, Rod suggested a minimum bid of \$150.]* Peter will send out an email blast to members describing the camera and asking anyone interested to send in a bid at or above the minimum bid by a certain deadline. The highest bidder will get the camera, with the proceeds going into the "Club Donations" income item in the budget.
- **Birds of North American (BNA) Online Subscriptions:** Peter has been in touch with the Cornell folks who administer this program. After several exchanges of email, Cornell agreed to provide our members with a discount code that can be used to get a one-year on-line subscription to BNA for \$30. *[After the meeting, we were told our code is "Cape06".]* **Action:** Peter will send out an email notice to all members describing the BNA opportunity and giving the code.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.**

Written by

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