

Cape Cod Bird Club – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mar 11, 2019 - 6:00 pm

Call to Order: ~6:10 p.m., Peter Bono, President

Present: Peter Bono (President), Mary Jo Foti (Treasurer), Fran Raleigh (acting Secretary), Herb Raffaele
Absent: Mark Faherty, Stefanie Paventy, John Goodchild

1. **Greeting and welcome to Fran Raleigh and any guests (Bono)**
2. **Vote to appoint Fran Raleigh to fill out term of Secretary (Bono)** -- Lack of quorum prevented a vote at the meeting. An email would be sent out asking for vote by email
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes of previous Board Meetings (Bono)** - All present had received minutes, no corrections suggested
4. **Treasurer's Report (MJ Foti)**
 - Treasurer will send February numbers by email, there was an influx of dues payments after the last email blast
 - Question about charges on the bank statement for Amazon Web Services – not always the same amount, began to appear after debit card was used for conference call in Nov. Peter Bono will investigate further.
5. **Board Openings and Appointments (Bono)**
 - **Vice President; Secretary** -- Possible VP candidate David Clapp; Fran Raleigh agreed to serve out rest of year as Secretary
 - **Directors: Publicity (2020); Refreshments (2019)**
 - **Nominating Committee for May elections (Bono)**
 - i. Need to send slate of nominations out by May 1, so filling this position is urgent.
6. **Membership (Raffaele)**
 - **Status/strategy for contacting 2018-19 non-renewals (66 households not renewed)**
 - Discussed why this year is different from last year in Membership dues. Uncertain how typical this is, relevant data not immediately available. Membership joining-date available in database only since 2012.
 - In addition to the newsletter notice, two email blasts have gone out encouraging renewal
 - Idea of "phone tree" – each board member calling 10 members in arrears – was proposed and discussed, no decision was made. Various reasons for lapse possible, would like to know. People may not answer call from unfamiliar phone, but we could leave a message. Most people listen to messages.
7. **Teen Scholarship Status (Foti for Faherty)**
 - Renee van Leeuwen of Marstons Mills (Barnstable H.S.); Faherty communicating with recipient, Foti has paid for the slot at Hog Island.
8. **Research & Education Fund (Raffaele)**
 - **Status? Any responses yet?**
 - i. No proposals yet received, but Deadline is March 15

- ii. Three of 4 original contacts acknowledged the email, one additional call for proposal sent out

9. **Newsletter (Bono)**

- **Article/Photo Deadline is Mar 10** – Peter Bono needs to put it together by the end of the month.
- **Need Bird Walks and Programs for Jan-Mar by Mar 25 (Paventy/Faherty)**

10. **Merchandise (J. Goodchild)**

- **Progress on logo-ed clothing and merchandise idea** – Goodchild absent, no report.

11. **Refreshments (Bono)**

- **Who will do April (Elaine is away) and May? –**
 - Best that it not be a Board member; will ask for help at the general meeting.

12. **Silent Auction at May meeting (Raffaele)**

- Wait for now. Camera should have \$150 minimum bid.

13. **Other Business (all members)**

- **Board Member absences (April and May): Bono misses April meeting**
 - H Raffaele will run the April meeting
- **By-Laws**
 - Will be sent to the Board by e-mail (Bono)

Adjourn to General Meeting ~ 6:50 p.m.

Program: *David Clapp – Natural History Tour: Birds and other wildlife in the Pantanal region of Brazil*

General meeting attendance (~30?) (did not count)

Announcements:

- Carolyn Kennedy – Bluebird Nest Box Project has been running since 2003-4 Crowe's Pasture and Harwich – monitored weekly by volunteers. Looking for volunteers. Data will be submitted to NestWatch.

Sightings (selective)

- Orange crowned warbler – Cold Brook Preserve
- Iceland gulls – Race Point
- Red-necked grebe – Race Point
- Red-throated loon – Race Point
- Razorbills – Race Point
- Purple finch (8) – Walker Tract, Wellfleet
- Northern Pintail – Marstons Mills
- Phoebe, Towhee, Bluebirds, various spring songs

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Raleigh (acting Secretary, CCBC)