

CCBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
6:05 pm on OCTOBER 14, 2019
Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Brewster

1. Welcome to Attendees (Cadillac)

Present: Cadillac, Clapp, Curley, Faherty, Forbes, Raffaele, Raleigh

Absent: Bono, Foti, Goodchild

2. Approve Minutes of September CCBC Board Meeting (Raleigh).

- a. **Draft minutes were emailed for comment on September 14.**
Approved

3. Treasurer's Report (Curley) Budget report sent to board by email Sept 28

- a. **YTD income and expenses through the end of September**
 - i. Income YTD \$2178 mostly from dues; expenses YTD \$876
 - ii. Sept: Income \$973; Expenses \$416
- b. **Membership totals for 2020 (new and renewals)**
 - i. Sept: 39 member renewals; 26 renewing households.
 - ii. Sept: 5 new members for September; 16 total fiscal YTD
- c. **Donation to Birds Caribbean for Bahamas bird help was sent**
 - i. \$100

4. Merchandise (Cadillac):

- a. **Summary of results of second CC Embroidery orders.**
 - i. Budget report indicates \$81 from Website Merchandise Commission in Sept.
- b. **Online store will be open now through October 28**
 - i. Bird club paraphernalia available from today 10/14 to 10/28
- c. **Checklist distribution status: we sell in bulk @55 cents per checklist.**
Any updates?
 - i. Budget report indicates \$7 income from checklists in Sept

5. Young Birder Scholarship (Faherty): (Taken up after #3)

- a. **We have published Renee's essay. Should we invite her to speak at Dec meeting?**
 - i. Mark agreed to contact Renee about presenting at the December meeting
- b. **Should we continue this program, by reserving at Hog Island again for 2020?**
 - i. It was concluded that we should do one more year, with a good publicity effort, and assess again next year. Much of the board was not familiar with the history of this program, procedures, and numbers of applicants. Ages 14-17.
 - ii. There are two possible programs, Coastal Studies for Teens (June 14-20 or June 21-26) and Mountains to Sea Birding (June 28 - July 3, 2020). The dates might influence the best choice with respect to school calendars. <After the meeting, Oct 15-16 there was an email exchange among board members that supported the choice of Mountains to Sea Birding in view of the possibility of snow days>

6. Teach the Teachers initiative (Curley): We did not get to this during the meeting

- a. **Status of initiative?**
- b. **Have we contacted Bridget Burger, Dir of Adult Ed, at CCCC?**

- i. We did not get to this during the meeting. On Oct 19 Maria sent an email reporting she initiated contact with Bridget Burger of the STEM Program at CCCC, regarding a potential educator pd/course on birding for teachers. Maria will work closely and collaboratively with David and Peter on details of such a Program.

7. Micro-grant initiative (Raffaele): Did not get to this during the meeting

- a. **What is follow up from this year's grants—anything yet?**
Would like to have first written reports with photos by early December for publication in Winter issue of *The Kingfisher*.
- b. **New proposals for 2020 funding?**

8. Meeting location and format (Clapp/Faherty) (Taken up after #5, before #4)

- a. **Are we happy with format of December “Holiday” event, which also serves as our fundraising event of the year?**
 - i. Discussion centered on broadening the available items for auction, or using a raffle format (as at Birders Meeting) instead of silent auction
 - 1. Not necessarily bird-related, to include wine baskets, spa days – Maria willing to go out and look for donations
 - ii. BWGS, Wild Birds Unlimited should be asked for donated items
 - iii. Are there boxes of books left over? John may have them.
- b. **Consider moving to other sites (libraries) around the Cape?**
 - i. Not this year
- c. **Consider different format:**
 - i. **“potluck” dinner with speaker/presentation**
 - 1. Not this year, not addressed
 - ii. **Show streaming video (e.g., YouTube) or DVD with a moderator for a discussion with Q & A after the viewing (this was done often in early years of the CCBC)**
 - 1. There was mention of some ‘viral videos’, manakins, YouTube. No conclusion?
 - 2. Ask Renee to give 15 min talk

9. Walks: Need new Director (Clapp) We did not get to this during the meeting

- a. **John Goodchild worked with Peter in September for the Fall Quarter, but we need a new Walks Director**
- b. **Different kinds of walks: Result of beginner walk in October (Curley)**
- c. **Joint walks with other clubs: one scheduled for Nov 10 (Foti)**

10. Kingfisher mailings: We did not get to this during the meeting

- a. **Printed 150 and mailed 118 first class.**
- b. **Extra copies picked up by Ron Cadillac.**

11. Publicity/Public Awareness Status Report (Cadillac): We did not get to this during the meeting

- a. **Social Media (Facebook; what else?)**
- b. **Local Media and Event Sites, plus CCMNH “Tidings”**
 - i. Cape Cod Times – notices must be in 9 days ahead.
 - ii. Barnstable articles – Patriot
- c. **Local event presence?**
- d. **Anything else?**

12. Miscellaneous Donations Not discussed during the meeting

- a. **Camera from Ron Cadillac: waiting for Dec Auction?**
- b. **Donation of books or other items?**

13. Adjourned to general meeting at 6:58 p.m.

General Meeting

Called to order 7:13 p.m. by Mark Faherty

Attendance: 70 people

3 new members introduced, 4 visitors

Announcements

- 31% renewals
- Board vacancies
- Amazon Smiles
- Address (P.O. Box 351 Centreville)
- Facebook
- Refreshments
 - Today's
 - Sign-up list
- December Meeting
 - Members Night
 - Some form of Auction
 - Bake Sale
 - Let Bob know or just show up
- Merchandise Corner
- Walks upcoming

Sightings

- Towhees back
- Carolina Wren S. Wellfleet sounds like still breeding?
- Turkeys and cardinals with young
- Osprey – migrating through, or climate change?
- Cooper's Hawk buzzing Red Tailed Hawk
- Whimbrels at Race Point
- Leucistic Red Tailed Hawk at Harwich Gardens
- Beginning Birders' walk sightings included Black and White Warbler, first for many
- Mallards diving 5-10 seconds underwater Falmouth
- Race Point - storm and seabirds
 - South Polar Skua
 - 3 kinds Jaegers
 - Shearwaters
 - Dovekie
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- Nor'easter parked 3 days, seabirds left bay Sat a.m.
 - Brown Booby

Speaker Alan Poole of Cornell Lab of Ornithology: "Ospreys 2019 – The Revival of a Global Raptor"