

CCBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2019 at the CC Museum of Natural History, Brewster

Meeting came to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. Welcome to Attendees (Bono)

Present: Bono, Cadillac, Clapp, Foti, Curley, Faherty, Forbes, Goodchild, Raffaele, Raleigh
Absent: None

Which directors will be absent at December meeting?

No Board Meeting in December; Board members to arrive at 6 as usual, but to set up for festivities. No one plans to miss

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

- a. **Draft minutes were emailed for approval on November 2.**
 - i. Minutes pre-approved by email

3. Treasurer's Report (Curley)

- a. **YTD income and expenses through the end of October (report mailed on Nov 2)**
 - i. YTD net positive by \$1,783.
 - ii. October income \$815 for dues, \$275 general donations, \$165 for Conservation & Research.
 - iii. Expenses for postage in October under budget @ \$194 compared to \$239 in July.
 - iv. Other significant October expenses: \$150 CCMNH rent, \$150 Allan Poole, \$100 to Hog Island to reserve spot for Maine course.
- b. **Membership totals for 2020 (new and renewals)**
 - i. 2 new members in October, including one from Auburndale; 18 new YTD
 - ii. 158 renewals YTD, but 234 members current on dues – many paid ahead. 56% of members are up to date (234 out of 422 active members). In October 35 households renewed.
- c. **Thank you letter from Birds Caribbean was received**
 - i. Portion of letter to be read at the General Meeting.

4. Merchandise (Goodchild):

- a. **Summary of results of third CC Embroidery orders.**
 - i. \$16.75 net to us for the last set (i.e. about \$160 in orders placed)
- b. **Online store is open now through December 1**
 - i. Will not be reopened again until spring.
- c. **Checklist distribution status: we sell in bulk @55 cents per checklist. Any updates?**
 - i. A check for \$144 for Checklist sales (to vendors) was given to M Curley at the Board meeting.
 - ii. We still have hundreds of checklists; we may eventually need to consider updating and reprinting the checklist. Was \$0.45/checklist to print.
- d. We sold \$18 in merchandise at the September meeting.

5. Young Birder Scholarship (Faherty):

- a. **Renee has been invited to speak at Dec meeting**

- i. It is difficult to reach her, but she is expecting to be there.
- b. **We reserved Hog Island again for 2020**
Should we also reserve a space in Costa Rica (as suggested by several members)?
 - i. The board voted to take the deal offered (\$1000 off Hog Island tuition if one goes on Costa Rica trip) and see how it goes.
 - ii. Mark Faherty will contact Hog Island to make arrangements.
 - iii. There is interest in finding local opportunities to reach more than one or two teens at once.

6. Teach the Teachers initiative (Curley):

- a. **Status of initiative?**
 - i. Bridget Burger is difficult to nail down, very busy. Maria Curley will keep us informed.
- b. **We have contacted Bridget Burger, Dir of Adult Ed, at CCCC**

7. Micro-grant initiative (Raffaele):

- 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*.
 - i. Both projects have been delayed, but should be done by spring.
 - ii. Both will provide preliminary reports by early December as requested.
- b. **Vote on Haiti proposal, circulated by Herb on October 14.**
 - i. Online review of the Haiti proposal (asking \$580) was unanimously approved as written. Herb Raffaele will follow up.
- c. **Any other new proposals for 2020 funding?**
 - i. Anticipated Cuban proposal has not been received
 - ii. Will receive a proposal for printing a poster on endemic birds of Jamaica.

8. Holiday Meeting location and format (Curley)

- a. **Appoint subcommittee to work on details (Curley/Foti/Raleigh; others?)**
 - i. Subcommittee met at Dunkin' nearby before the Board meeting,
 - ii. Present: Curley, Foti, Raleigh, Clapp, Peter Bono and Elaine Bono
- b. **Director volunteer assignments**
 - i. **Bono: Silent auction**, will collect donations from Mid-Cape (in Yarmouth)
 - ii. **Cadillac:** May have current year photos to contribute to Bird Photo loop
 - iii. **Clapp:** will collect donations from Outer/Lower Cape
 - iv. **Curley:** Will collect donations from Upper Cape – (in Centerville); will contact vendors for possible Raffle donations; Will create donation flyer to solicit donations, will share.
 - v. **Faherty: Program/multimedia/music**
 - vi. **Forbes: Bake Sale and Refreshments**
 - vii. **Foti:** Will bring Bose speaker to hook up her phone for playlist; will contribute to Bake Sale
 - viii. **Goodchild: ?**
 - ix. **Raffaele: ?**
 - x. **Raleigh:** Will contribute to Bake Sale, help set up/clean up. Stick-on name tags?
- c. **Room Arrangement** (Ideas shared during meetings, discussed with Kevin after)
 - i. * Kevin will push the "cords" along the west wall closer to the wall, making a bit more space.
 - ii. * There will be three long tables at the "back" or south side of the room--for refreshments
 - iii. * There will be a small table near the "back" entrance for stick on name tags, which we should buy.

- iv. * There will be 4 or 5 long tables along the east and west sides of the room: one side to be used for silent auction and one side to be used for raffle items.
 - v. * There will be six (6) clusters of eight (8) chairs placed in the center of the room; each cluster will have a small, square table in the center.
 - vi. * Extra chairs and extra long tables are at hand next to the stage (behind a banner), so we can deploy more chairs on an as-needed basis.
- d. **Room availability**
- i. Kevin will unlock the front door for us at 5:30pm, so we can show up any time after that. The time can be made even early if we need extra time for set up. We just need to let Kevin know.

9. Walks: Need new Director (Bono) -- This item was put off until next time Board meets

- a. **John Goodchild worked with Peter in September for the Fall Quarter, but we need a new Walks Director**
- b. **Joint walks with other clubs: report on the one on Nov 10 (Foti)**

10. Kingfisher mailings:

- a. **Printed 150 and mailed 118 first class.**
- b. **Next Kingfisher produced, emailed, and online by Dec 23**
- c. **Next Kingfisher mailed after Jan 2 (due to vacation taken by printer)**

11. Publicity/Public Awareness Status Report (Cadillac):

- a. **Social Media (Facebook; what else?)**
- b. **Local Media and Event Sites, plus CCMNH "Tidings"**
 - i. Pdf on Hog Island and Costa Rica to be posted in schools, sent to local paper
 - ii. Bird walk schedule to be sent to papers.
- c. **Local event presence?**
- d. **Anything else?**

12. Miscellaneous Donations – Need inventory by December 1 in preparation for December meeting

- a. **Camera from Ron Cadillac: waiting for Dec Auction**
- b. **Tripod from MJ Foti: waiting for Dec Auction**
- c. **Donation of books and other items?**
 - i. **Forbush 3 volumes**
 - ii. **Alan Poole's Osprey book = Maria will bring one to donate**
 - iii. **Other items?** Since the meeting (as of 11/19/2019) by email
 - 1. Mark has inherited 31 books from the estate of Delores "Del" Filardi of Truro, An Award Winning Sculptor of Metal Birds
 - 2. Harry Swift has offered a 1919 2-volume monograph on Wildflowers of New York and a (1910) 2-volume Birds of New York (second edition). Discussion continuing on how best to handle these.

13. New Business – None raised.

14. Adjourned 7:03 p.m. to General Meeting

General Meeting

Called to order 7:15 p.m. by Peter Bono

Attendance: 60 people

3 new members introduced, 4 visitors, one from St. Augustine, FL

Announcements

- Board vacancies: Walks Director, Newsletter Editor
- Read letter from Birds Caribbean, donation after Hurricane Dorian
- Announced new \$600 grant to Haiti teacher for art materials
- Amazon Smile opportunity to support club when you buy (sign on to Amazon Smile, not just regular website)
- 53% renewals. Please renew if Kingfisher label doesn't say 8/20 or later
- Monthly email sent to members
- Check website regularly for walks and programs
- Facebook
- Herb Raffaele giving three lectures on Nature Conservation at the Eldridge Library in Chatham, from 10:30 to noon on Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9.
- Refreshments
 - Today's
 - Sign-up list available for December, January, February
- December Meeting
 - Members Night
 - Auction and Raffle, no door prizes
 - Bake Sale
 - Sign-up list for donations
 - Include a 3x5 card listing ingredients
 - Come up with suggested price for your donation
- Merchandise Corner –
 - John Goodchild will not bring merchandise to Dec. meeting. Want something? Let him know.
 - If you buy logoed clothing, hats, etc. from the online store, please wear them around
- Walks upcoming
 - Winter Waterfowl Survey Dec. 7-8 – contact Stef Paventy to participate
 - Dec. 12 Ginni Page – Wellfleet to Provincetown Piers
 - Dec 13 John Goodchild – Scusset Beach
 - Christmas Bird Counts – see Newsletter for link to more info
 - Jan. 1 – Ed Banks – Mid-Cape

Sightings

- Gannets, Kittiwake, Bonaparte's Gull – Race Point (can see a lot from RP Beach near parking)
- Buffleheads, Hooded Mergansers - Eastham
- Wood Ducks – quiet backside of Nickerson
- Redhead – Herring Pond, Jemima Pond
- Brown Booby – Long Point Buoy 2.5 weeks ago outside P'town Harbor
- Junco – Cold Brook = Bank Street Bogs
- Immature female Painted Bunting at Brewster Common Garden
- Short-eared Owl – Crane, off Rt 151 in Falmouth – moth-like
- Robins – will winter on Cape Cod
- Missing American Goldfinches – Hinkley Pond
- Great Horned Owls – Eastham and elsewhere
- Barred Owl – Centerville, Mashpee Woodlands

Speaker Introduced at 8 p.m. - Peter Flood - "Back from the Dead – The Story of the Bermuda Petrel"