

MINUTES CCBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 pm on OCTOBER 12, 2020 (via Zoom)

1. 6:03 pm – President Bono calls meeting to order

Present: Bono, Clapp, Curley, Faherty, Sagan, Fang, Floyd, Foti, Goodchild, Raffaele, Warneke
Ex-officio: Carolyn Kennedy (Newsletter co-editor)

2. Minutes of Past Meetings

- a) September 2020 Board minutes had been previously approved by email vote, so no discussion.

3. Directorship Changes

- a) Raffaele's resignation was accepted unanimously.
- b) The CCBC Board appointed Peggy Sagan to fill the remainder of Herb's term (through June 2023). She introduced herself to the board. She will be in charge of membership.
- c) Goodchild will take over working on grants.
- d) Merchandise will be shared across Goodchild, Foti, and Bono—at least while the club is not meeting in person. Goodchild will continue to hold the club inventory during this period.

4. Treasurer's Report (Curley)

- a) Treasurer Curley sent financials to the board on Oct 11 with notes. No questions were asked.
- b) Bono sent membership renewal reminders on Oct 7th. **[Revisit in November]**
- c) Curley received 26 renewals and 4 new members in September. Year-to-date is 117 renewing members (76 households) and 11 new members (7 households)
- d) Checkbook balance at the end of September was \$21,488. Note that \$1,000 grant to Science Initiative for Environmental Conservation and Education (SCIENCE) in St. Vincent & Grenadines, although approved, has not yet been paid out.

5. Merchandise (Goodchild):

- a) No word yet from Blair on new checklist . **[Action: Bono will contact Blair before November meeting]**
- b) Foti picked up a catalog from CC Embroidery to review and make suggestions. She invited other women on the board to do same.

6. Young Birder Scholarship (Faherty/Curley):

- a) On hold until spring. **[Action: Curley will contact Hog Island and the students in spring]**

7. Teach the Teachers initiative (Curley):

- a) No Action

8. Conservation and Education (Raffaele/Goodchild):

- a) Raffaele sent a draft of the Jamaica poster to the Board in September.
- b) As listed under section 2, Raffaele has resigned, and Goodchild has taken over the Chairmanship of this Committee. Subcommittee will consist of Clapp, Curley, Foti, Warneke. **[Action: Goodchild will have preliminary criteria for November meeting] [Action: Curley will share spreadsheet with status of grants thus far]**
- c) For the future, Young Birder Scholarship & Teach the Teacher will fall under Conservation & Education.

9. Walks: (Foti)

- a) Foti will contact volunteers who've previously led walks to see if they would be interested and ready to offer small group walks with social distancing and COVID 19 guidelines.
- b) She suggested we start with New Year's Day walks with one in the morning and one afternoon.
- c) She hopes to move forward with annual Waterfowl Survey (1st weekend in Dec). **[Action: Foti will review history in database, then ask for help as needed]** Hope to send 1st reminder in early November.
 - i. Bono offered to hold a Zoom session to train for this.

10. Kingfisher mailings (Warneke and Kennedy):

- a) Printer sent incorrect issue for the Fall newsletter mailing. They have agreed to send corrected one.
- b) For Winter issue, we have Sagan's piece about hummingbirds and Maria Curley plans to provide an article about Implementing a Student Chapter at Barnstable Middle School; Warneke requested submissions for the Winter and later issues.
- c) Clapp will do a list of winter places to bird; he will work with Foti on this. **[Action: Clapp, Foti]**

11. Programs (Zoom Speakers): (Faherty)

- a) Peter Bono and David and Fran Clapp put together an eBird training session for Oct 12.
- b) If anyone has ideas for Dec Holiday meeting, send to Clapp (committee is Clapp, Floyd, Curley, Foti) **[Action: All]**
 - i. Clapp brought up Warneke's suggestion of an on-line auction. Bono asked that correspondence on this be open to the whole board for ideas.
 - ii. Warneke has experience with [32Auctions](#), which is free for 20 items maximum with one photo each, but includes 3rd party advertising. Approximately \$100 for more than 20 items, 4 photos each, and no ads.
 - iii. Bono explained that we don't have a history of fundraising, but we usually raise up to \$1,200 at the holiday party. While there is not currently a need, it saves us from dipping into savings. **[Revisit in November]**

12. Publicity/Public Awareness Status Report (Clapp, Curley, Fang, Foti):

- a) Bono wants to print rack cards now, but wonders what are benefits during COVID? Should it speak to our activities? **[Revisit in November]** Sagan to be involved
- b) Bono plans to open the November meeting without non-members having to ask for link. Faherty has been publishing link in his social media anyway.

13. Status of "Student Chapter" (Curley)

- a) Per Curley's report sent by email with financials:

I am also hoping to be able to start the student chapter soon at my school, which might engage some of the Barnstable families. Several students are super excited about joining and have already told me days they are available to be picked up after school by a parent. I have already given out a student pair of binoculars and a beginner bird book to a very interested new birder; she is already looking at birds in her backyard and I will be giving her a donated feeder and seed to bring home on Tuesday when I see her next. We are cultivating new birders and conservationists, one student at a time!

We have had a LOT of birds to our school feeding station (esp. chickadees, nuthatches, titmice, blue jays, downy and hairy woodpeckers and cardinals). I am filling the feeders 2x/week now. Have to run over there today and get more suet and butter bark tubes out (they are totally out, which is incredible!!). Lots of woodpeckers this year! Oh, and a very large group of Northern flickers have been hanging around; one of the teachers got a great picture of 3 of them sitting on a nearby fence near the classroom window. And, we did a "field day" of sorts on Friday with our 4th period group; there were 82 students out there and many adults, rotating between 4 activity stations, and the chickadees didn't mind the chaos at all. They were going back and forth to the feeders like they were part of our group! The kids at my station nearest the feeder were amazed! It's going to be a great birding year for students!

14. New Business

- a) David Clapp has indicated that, in 2021-22, he is willing to serve on the Board but not serve as President. What should we do about appointing a Nominating Committee? **[Revisit in NOVEMBER]**

6:49 pm – Board meeting adjourned.

General meeting followed with an eBird training session led by Peter Bono and David and Fran Clapp. Approximately 47 attended by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Warneke, Secretary