

MINUTES FROM CCBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 pm on NOVEMBER 9, 2020 (via Zoom)

1. 6:15 pm Bono calls meeting to order

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

2. Minutes of Past Meetings

- October 2020 Board minutes had been previously approved by email vote, so no discussion.
- Minutes since 2017 at <https://www.capecodbirdclub.org/wordpress/about/board-meeting-minutes>
- It was decided to add the treasurer's report twice per year.

3. Treasurer's Report (Curley)

- Treasurer's Report was sent to the board on Nov 8 and accepted.
- Checkbook balance at end of Oct is \$22,724.
- \$625 was received in donations (\$405 general fund, \$220 to Conservation/Education)
- \$1,000 grant was sent to St. Vincent, making all grants now paid out.
- Curley received 106 renewing members (76 households) and 7 new members (5 households) in October.
- Fundraising letter will be mailed Nov 10. It is being mailed to all current members (297 households) and well as 100 households that have not yet renewed. The Clapps did all the folding and stuffing.
- A reminder about the fundraising letter will be included in the December meeting announcement.
- Next membership reminder will be sent at the end of the year by Bono. **[Action: Bono]**

4. Merchandise (Bono/Goodchild):

- No word yet from Blair on new checklist
- Webstore will be open from today for 2 weeks.
- We received \$28 commission from Cape Cod Embroidery, the largest yet.

5. Young Birder Scholarship (Faherty/Curley):

- No Activity.

6. Teach the Teachers initiative (Curley):

- No Activity

7. Conservation and Education (Goodchild):

- Report (previously circulated) was accepted.
- Website is being updated with each grant, proposal, and final report. This information can be used for posting on social media.
- Bono suggested we run the date deadlines for funding past Raffaele and Lisa Sorenson of BirdsCaribbean. **[Action: Goodchild]**
- Committee will make final proposal of guidelines to share with the board. **[Action: Goodchild]**

8. Jan – March 2021 Walks: (Foti)

- Waterfowl survey is set (Dec 5 & 6) and all ponds are covered. Faherty cited Foti for all the good work she did on this.
- Walks are still on hold
- It was discussed that we should encourage people to get outdoors though not official club walks **[Action: All]**

9. Kingfisher mailings (Warneke and Kennedy):

- Submissions due in early December **[Action: All]**
- Curley will offer a report on the student bird club **[Action: Curley]** Her report (below) came after the meeting.*
- Clapp will offer some suggestions for independent walks during winter **[Action: Clapp]**

10. Programs (Zoom Speakers): (Faherty/Clapp)

- Video of Victor Emanuel talk to be shown "Appreciating Birds & Nature More"
- It was decided to hold an Online Auction in the spring rather than before the holidays
- Faherty will provide information on Jan/Feb/Mar programs **[Action: Faherty]**

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

- When do we need to print rack cards?
- No activity.

12. Status of "Student Chapter" (Curley)

- Curley will be meeting with an AmeriCorps volunteer who is also starting an after-school club.
- Curley will write an article for the next newsletter (Jan-Mar) with photos **[Action: Curley]**

13. New Business

6:58 pm – Board meeting adjourned.

GENERAL MEETING

41 attended the Zoom membership meeting, a slide show by Dana Duxbury-Fox and Bob Fox - "Birding the Horn of Africa"

**Maria Curley report on Student Chapter*

- *Maria met with the AmeriCorp volunteer (Asheley) and she is delighted to have Maria do the student chapter of the bird club on any day she wishes. Her club hasn't gotten any students yet because students aren't really staying after school yet, so at this point she has just been walking around the school introducing herself and talking about her club.*
- *It was announced Friday, 11/20/20 by the BPS Superintendent that all Barnstable schools will be remote-only instead of the normal hybrid model on Monday 11/30 thru Wednesday, 12/02, returning to the hybrid model again on Thursday, Dec 3rd. Students were expected to return from Thanksgiving break on Monday, 11/30, but the return is being switched to remote-only due to the current higher Covid cases in Barnstable and the fact that many families may be traveling or having guests over the break. The three days remote upon return from break will allow for testing results to come in for students and families and time for tracking by school nursing staff.*
- *Maria's plan for the student chapter of the bird club is to start it as a Remote club on Wednesdays (when all students are Remote), where she will build background on birding, bird species & ecology, birding apps, bird counts, migration, etc.*
- *The benefits of a remote-only start to the Club will be that more students can join from different student cohorts around the school, so not just a small pilot of 15.*
- *Once the hybrid learning model resumes, Maria will continue the Remote-only Club on Wednesdays and then also start an In-Person Pilot.*
- *The Pilot will have a maximum of 15 students from Team 6-South only (Maria's teaching team) each Tuesday (Student Cohorts A & C) and Thursday (Cohorts B & D).*
- *At this time, student cohorts cannot mix in classroom settings, so the Pilot will start out for her 6-South team only, then as the year progresses and hopefully a Covid vaccine comes out normal activities can resume, the Tue/Thur Club can be opened up to all teams in the school.*