

MINUTES OF CCBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 pm on April 12, 2021 (via Zoom)

1. 6:05 pm President Bono calls meeting to order

Present: Bono, Clapp (VP), Curley (Treasurer), Fang, Floyd, Foti, Goodchild, Sagan, Warneke (Secretary)

Absent: Faherty, Carolyn Kennedy (Newsletter co-editor)

2. Minutes of Past Meetings

- a. Approved March 2021 Minutes in advance.
- b. Minutes since 2017 at <https://www.capecodbirdclub.org/wordpress/about/board-meeting-minutes/>

3. Treasurer's Report (Curley)

- a. Checkbook ending balance for March 2021 was \$27,318.
- b. Reviewed Income/Expenses for YTD March 2021. Bono reminded Curley that it is now time to send our donations out.
- c. Curley received 5 household/7 member renewals and 10/18 new households/members in March.

4. Membership (Bono/Curley/Sagan)

- a. All non-renewals from 2019 and 2020 have now been placed in Inactive status and will not receive any further emailings.
- b. There are currently 432 active members in the database, since the purging was done.
- c. We have authorized a "Student" membership category: how to implement. Per Bono, this will be finalized and up on the website and an article will be in next newsletter.

5. Merchandise (Bono/Goodchild):

- a. Blair has finished new checklist and delivered it to printer. We have ordered 1500 printed copies at 48 cents per item. Clapp will pick them up from Merlin Printing.
 1. We need to set a "wholesale" price (what we charge resellers) and a "retail" price (what we offer to our members) (Carryover)
 2. We need volunteers to distribute/sell to various outlets on the Cape. (Carryover)
- b. Store will open for two-three weeks each in April and May.

6. Young Birder Scholarship (Faherty/Curley):

- Chime Pelzom has not been contacted re: Costa Rica. Curley will follow up.

7. Teach the Teachers initiative (Curley):

- No Activity.

8. Conservation and Education (Goodchild):

- a. A new website page highlighting the approved projects has been added, along with Approved Proposal Guidelines.
- b. Goodchild is waiting to hear from 4 awardees for updates.
- c. He has received only one application so far.
- d. We must decide how much we wish to give this year.

9. Walks: (Foti)

- a. Foti has just about finalized a list of walks with criteria and with online sign ups.

10. Kingfisher mailings (Warneke and Kennedy):

- a. Summer Issue—Warneke to do an article on birding Guatemala
- b. Curley will do article on Student Chapter for Summer 2021 (Jul-Sep) newsletter
- c. Student membership category will be announced, per Bono
- d. Sagan's report on the questionnaire received much discussion.
- e. Warneke to convene subcommittee to decide what to do with the survey results. Those who wish to be included should say so.

- f. Warneke, Kennedy, and Sagan will come up with criteria to send to those who expressed interest in submitting articles for the Kingfisher. Sagan will provide contact for same.

11. Programs (Zoom Speakers): (Faherty)

- a. May 2021 Program is set: Ian Davies from eBird
- b. BOD usually holds a July strategic meeting to plan for the next year. It may happen this year depending on vaccination situation, possibly outdoors.

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

- a. When do we need to print rack cards? (carryover)
- b. Should we print CCBC "business cards" for Club Officers/Directors to carry and hand out?

13. Status of "Student Chapter" (Curley)

- Curley wrote an article for the Spring 2021 newsletter (Apr-Jun) with photos
- Curley was awarded a \$659.70 Cobb Grant @ Barnstable Intermediate School (BIS) to purchase binoculars for the BIS Student Bird Club (SBC)
 - Curley purchased on her own several student binoculars to try and has decided on Kowela: lightweight, 10 x 42 so can be used for high school students also, good quality
 - Here is the link if anyone wants to check them out:
<https://smile.amazon.com/Kowela-Binoculars-Professional-Waterproof-Lightweight/dp/B0894TBQYQ>
 - Cost: \$21.99 each, so will be able to get 30 pairs for the SBC
 - Curley will do article for Summer 2021 (Jul-Sep) newsletter

14. New Business

- Alice Stelzer is donating a telescope (unspecified brand); will hold until in-person meetings start.
- "Amelia email": discuss what links are appropriate on website. (Carryover)
- Bono recommended to suspend further surveys for now, feeling we learned a lot from this one. We should wait until things open up more.
- Planning for May Elections
 - Bono will send out an email ahead of the May meeting with the slate of Officers/Directors to be voted on at the May General Meeting (on Zoom).
 - No candidate for President. Bono will continue to serve until a replacement is appointed.
 - David Clapp has agreed to stand for VP again.
 - Maria Curley has agreed to stand for Treasurer again.
 - Carolyn Kennedy has agreed to stand for Secretary. Jean Warneke will stay on as co-editor of newsletter.
 - Rick Floyd will not stand for reelection. Mike Simons will run for this position and take over refreshments.
 - Mark Faherty, Peggy Sagan, and Mike Simons will stand for Director positions.
 - [MJ Foti, John Goodchild, and Peter Fang are continuing their multi-year terms.]

6:56 pm – Board meeting adjourned.

7:00 PM – GENERAL MEETING STARTED

An excellent program by Paul Baicich and Sole Pagliuca - "Birding and Beyond in Cuba"

65 attended the meeting by Zoom.