

Minutes of Cape Cod Bird Club Annual Membership Meeting (via Zoom) 7:00 pm - May 10, 2021

1. President Peter Bono welcomed all members and guests, approximately 65 attended.
2. He gave an update on club activity. We will meet in person in September ONLY IF Museum room is open and available, and state regulations allow.
3. MJ Foti, walks director, announced that we have started offering small group walks again. Registration is available on our website.
4. Membership director Peggy Sagan gave membership numbers and gave a brief report on the newsletter survey.
 - a. Membership at the end of April 2021 is 404 individuals: 277 households.
 - b. We added 68 new members from 49 households since July 1, 2020.
 - c. Response to the newsletter survey was better than expected with over 40% taking part. While most said they read each issue completely, 25% said the printed issue was important. A good number offered to submit pictures and articles.
5. Treasurer Maria Curley reported a healthy balance for the club:
 - a. Checkbook Balance at the end of April 2021 is \$25,120.
 - b. Year to date income is \$8,058 (\$6920 in dues; \$1138 in misc) with expenses of \$4,878 (\$3,629 in operating expenses; \$1,249 to local, state, and national birding organizations)
 - c. \$4,995 was received for grants in our first fundraising effort and \$6,150 was given out in awards to Conservation/Education foundations
 - d. Two Young Birders will attend Hog Island Camp this summer. The Costa Rica camp has been cancelled.
6. Newsletter co-editor Jean Warneke thanked members for responding to the newsletter survey and the offer to contribute to the Kingfisher. Submissions are due by 08 June for the summer issue and 08 September for fall.
7. President Bono announced that a new Cape Cod bird checklist is available for sale at Birdwatchers General Store and Wild Birds Unlimited. The embroidery store will be open online for 2 weeks starting now.
8. President Bono announced the slate of directors and asked for nominations from the floor. None came and the slate was accepted.
 - a. No candidate for President; Bono will continue to serve until a replacement is appointed.
 - b. David Clapp for VP again.
 - c. Maria Curley for Treasurer.
 - d. Carolyn Kennedy for Secretary.
 - e. Faherty (Programs), Sagan (Membership), and Simons (Refreshments) for Director positions.
9. VP Clapp asked about Bird Sightings.
10. The general meeting was adjourned.
11. President Bono introduced the speaker, Ian Davies of the Cornell Lab, who spoke on citizen science and eBird.

7:35 pm Adjourn.

Respectively submitted,
Jean Warneke, Secretary