**April Board Meeting Minutes**

Apalachee Audubon Society

April 10, 2019

6:30 – 8:10

Native Nurseries, 1661 Centerville Road

Submitted by Donna Legare, Secretary

**The following board members were present:**  Donna Legare, David Arnold, Peter Kleinhenz, Jake Hartung, Rob Williams, Howard Kessler, Harvey Goldman, Kathleen Carr, Elizabeth Georges, Lilly Anderson-Messec, Peter Goren

**Guest:** Anne Van Meter (guest of Howard Kessler)

Prospective Board Members: Chase Brestle, Ben Rangel, Peter Kelly, Amelia Fusaro, Dara Wilson

**Treasurer’s Report**

---Transactions:                  2018 - 2019 fiscal year -------------  
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  7/23/18 907 Kathy Carr          1 yr web hosting              $216    $16537.55  
  7/23/18 908 Carol Press         Monarch Festival               $50    $16487.55  
  7/23/18 909 Donna Legare        Meeting food                   $79.50 $16408.05  
  7/ 2/18     NAS                 Grant                       $7,513    $23921.05  
  5/15/18 906 Taste Bud'z Catering Banquet                    $1,517.50 $22403.55  
  8/10/18 910 Postmaster          1 yr Bulk Mail account #30    $225    $22178.55  
  8/13/18                         Birdathon #11                  $50    $22228.55  
  8/26/18 911 Niles Morrow        Stipend from grant            $250    $21978.55  
  8/30/18 912 BBEF                Big Bend bi-annual dues        $30    $21948.55  
  8/30/18 913 Carolyn Back        Stipend from grant            $250    $21698.55  
  8/30/18 914 Harbria Gardner     Stipend from grant            $250    $21448.55  
  9/ 7/18 915 Ian Jones           Stipend from grant            $250    $21198.55  
  9/21/18 916 VOID  
  9/21/18 917 Peter KleinHenz     Audubon Assembly              $291.54 $20907.01  
  9/27/18 918 Peter KleinHenz     Audubon Assembly Regist.      $135    $20772.01  
  9/27/18 919 Niles Morrow        Audubon Assembly Regist.      $135    $20637.01  
10/ 3/18 920 Nat Aud Soc         9 Audubon Adventure kits      $413.55 $20223.46  
10/16/18 921 Anastasia Tyson     Meeting Flyers                 $35.60 $20187.86  
10/18/18 922 Donna Legare        Seeds                         $136    $20051.86  
10/18/18 923 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support           $80    $19971.86  
10/18/18 924 VOID  
10/18/18 925 Kathy Carr          Constant Contact, 13 months   $420.75 $19551.11  
  9/24/18     NAS                                               $190    $19741.11  
10/20/18 926 VOID  
10/20/18 927 Scott Davis         Membership talk               $200    $19541.11  
10/24/18 928 Target Printing     Brochures                     $918.64 $18622.47  
10/24/18                         Donation                      $100    $18722.47  
11/15/18 929 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support           $40    $18682.47  
11/15/18 930 NAS                 Membership                     $20    $18662.47  
11/15/18 931 NAS                 Intern Membership              $20    $18642.47  
11/15/18 932 NAS                 Intern Membership              $20    $18622.47  
11/15/18 933 NAS                 Intern Membership              $20    $18602.47  
11/15/18 934 NAS                 Intern Membership              $20    $18582.47  
11/19/18     Catherine Beaton    For Binocs                     $50    $18632.47  
11/19/18 935 SPCA                donation for speaker          $200    $18432.47  
11/19/18 936 ThemeWorks          Sign                          $825    $17607.47  
11/20/18 937 Peter Kleinhenz     herbicide                      $14    $17593.47  
11/26/18 938 Peter Kleinhenz     Lake Elberta Proj.            $21.50  $17571.97  
11/26/19 939 Ian Jones           Flagging Tape                 $15.02  $17556.95  
11/27/18 940 Harbria Gardner     Event expenses                $72.89  $17484.06  
11/27/18 941 Friends of SMWR     5 bus trips title 1 Sch     $1250     $16234.06  
              Friends of SMWR, PO Box 368, St. Marks, FL 32355-0368  
12/ 3/18     McClure             Donation, Lake elberta        $250    $16484.06  
12/ 7/18 942 Niles Morrow        Reimb                          $53.21 $16430.85  
12/11/18                         Lake Elberta donations        $450  
12/11/18                         Xmas youth groups donations   $250    $17130.85  
12/15/18 943 Ian Jones           Xmas bonus                     $50    $17080.85  
12/15/18 944 Niles Morrow        Xmas bonus                     $50    $17030.85  
12/15/18 945 Harbria Gardner     Xmas bonus                     $50    $16980.85  
12/15/18 946 Carolyn Back        Xmas bonus                     $50    $16930.85  
12/15/18 947 Ann Bidlingmaier    Sociel/Sierra Club reimb       $83.67 $16847.18  
  1/17/19 948 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support           $40    $16807.18  
  1/17/19 949 Pat Press           Supplies                       $25    $16787.18  
  1/23/19     Helen King          Donation                      $500    $17287.18  
  1/23/19     Karen Wendland Dix  Donation                       $50    $17337.18  
  1/23/19     Kathleen Carr       DONATION                       $96.80 $17433.98  
  1/28/19 950 Peter KleinHenz     Lake Elberta refreshments      $39.19 $17394.79  
  1/29/19 951 Peter KleinHenz     2 Binocs                       $99.98 $17294.81  
  2/10/19 952 FL Dept of State    Annual Incorp Report           $61.25 $17233.56  
  2/11/19     Philip S Parsons    Membership (?)                $150    $17383.56  
  2/12/19 953 Vacker Inc          Lake Elberta sign            $1266    $16117.56  
  2/16/19 954 Niles Morrow        Student Intern                $100    $16017.56  
  2/16/19 955 Harbria Gardner     Student Intern                $100    $15917.56  
  2/16/19 956 Carolyn Back        Student Intern                $100    $15817.56  
  2/21/19 957 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support           $40    $15777.56  
  2/21/19 958 Natine Nurseries    Lake Elberta Project          $183.94 $15593.62  
  2/21/19 959 St Francis          Donation                      $200    $15393.62  
  2/22/19                         Backyard Bird yard tour      $2040    $17433.62  
  3/14/19 960 Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Donation           $200    $17233.62  
              in memmory of Heather and Tim Smith  
              4220 Mahan Dr, Tallahassee 32308  877-4428  
  3/14/19 961 Native Nurseries, Lake Elberta Plantings          $378.26 $16855.36  
  3/14/19 962 Friends of St. Vincent NWR, donation              $200    $16655.36  
              PO Box 69, Apalachicola FL 32329  
  3/21/19 963 RVNuccio & Assoc    Liability Ins                 $315    $16340.36  
  3/21/19 964 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support           $40    $16300.36  
  3/29/19     Howard Kessler      Donation                      $300    $16600.36  
  4/18/19 965 Johanna Imhoff      Meeting Tech Support           $40    $16560.36  
  4/10/19 966                     Meeting honorarium            $200    $16360.36  
  4/10/19 967 Donna Legare        Seed for Earth Day event          $33.57 $16326.79  
  4/11/19                         Birdathon #1                  $250    $16576.79  
  4/15/19                         Birdathon #2                  $750    $17326.79

**March 2019 Minutes** were approved. **Elizabeth will post them to website**.

**National Audubon Convention in Milwaukee Update**

Harbria and Carolyn (interns) and Peter K got scholarships. Harbria got a research fellowship for the summer and cannot attend. Carolyn will attend and will do a poster presentation about the Lake Elberta project.

**Birdathon is underway**. Harvey, Judy, Peter K and others recently recorded 108 species and will be writing to AAS members for financial support. Other board members are encouraged to do the same. **Is someone going to send out a list of members to board members?**

**Board Members for next year:**

President – Peter Kleinhenz – we all agreed that we would like Peter to serve a second term

Vice President – Lilly Anderson-Messec

Secretary – Donna Legare

Treasurer – Harvey Goldman

Renewing board Members (second or fourth year) – Peter Goren, Howard Kessler, Jake Hartung, Rob Williams

Continuing Board Members – Kathleen Carr, Elizabeth Georges, Ann Bidlingmaier

David is stepping down. We thanked him for his current 2 year service and past years, including President. He did an excellent job as program chair this year.

**Prospective Board Members**

We are excited about our new board members. Chase Brestle, Ben Rangel, Dara Wilson, Peter Kelly and Amelia Fusaro attended the meeting and introduced themselves. Tyler Dye, who is co-president of the FSU Environmental Services Club, will also serve next year on AAS board. He attended a previous board meeting.

Rob is stepping down from Audubon Florida board and **wants to know if anyone on our board would like to be considered for the Audubon Florida board.**

**By-laws** (Kathleen)

Proposed by-laws changes are highlighted in yellow. Text with strikeout is to be removed, bold denotes replacement text.

**ARTICLE IV, Standing Committees:**

**Section 1:** The following Standing Committees shall be established: Membership Committee, Program Committee, Field Trip Committee, Conservation Committee, Education Committee, and Publications and Publicity Committee. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Chairperson for each Standing Committee. Each Chairperson, with recommendations and suggestions from the Board of Directors, shall select members to serve on his or her Standing Committee. The term of office for Chairpersons shall be one year, or until such time as a successor is appointed. ~~No member shall serve as Chairperson of the same Standing Committee for more than three consecutive years.~~ Standing Committees shall be composed of not less than two members.

**ARTICLE V, Elections:**

**Section 5:** Officers and Directors shall be elected for terms of office as follows:

1. The President ~~shall~~ **may** serve a term of one year, after which time he or she ~~shall~~ **may** serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term.
2. The Vice President/President-Elect ~~shall~~ **may** serve a term of one year, and ~~shall~~ **may** then assume the office of President for a one-year term.
3. The Secretary ~~shall~~ **may** serve a term of ~~two years~~ **one year**.
4. The Treasurer ~~shall~~ **may** serve a term of ~~two years~~ **one year**. There shall be no less than five Directors. Each director shall serve a term of two years.
5. Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors with full voting rights.

**Education Updates** (Peter K)

**Lake Elberta –** 60 – 70 additional wildflowers were planted with help from Native Nurseries. Walker-Ford children who installed purple martin gourds revisited the site with Peter K and Lilly to watch the purple martins using the gourds – magical moment.

**Audubon Action Grant update** – Peter K. wrote the grant and received $4300 grant. Peter met with Ashley Edwards, Kenny, Susan Tanski and Chris from the City of Tallahassee to discuss how to use this new grant money.

**Interns** – 2 this year – one from FAMU, one from FSU

**Waterfowl Sign** – Peter will design a sign to discourage people from feeding the waterfowl

**Static Binoculars** – we do not want these

**Monofilament receptacles** – Peter thinks there is other grant money to fund 2 receptacles, one at each culvert where people fish

**Educational stations** – Great Sunflower Project – stations that encourage park goers to monitor a flower for 5 minutes and upload pollinators that visit onto phone

**Plantings** – maybe supplementing but not focused on plantings this year

**Field Trips** – high priority especially with city park after-school programs like Walker Ford, maybe a focus on purple martins to learn about migratory birds

**Wood duck box** – we would need to make sure to install predator guard below the house. Would also need someone to monitor it yearly.

**Bond 6.4 million dollar project** – some of these funds may be available – This is a linear park that would link Lake Elberta with the Bond neighborhood and would beautify the Bond Community.

**Other ideas** – another professional sign that would identify species likely to see, or maybe participatory signs like they have in other parks – leaf signs that focus on particular things

**April 16 Field Trip with Pineview at Lake Elberta 3:15 to 5:15 – Peter K, David and Betsy need help. Please contact Peter K if you can be there.**

**City Nature Challenge** (Peter K)

David will represent Audubon at Press Event. Peter will be there representing FWC and Lilly will be there representing Native Nurseries.

April 26 – 29 is total challenge. See details at MyFWC.com/cnc

**Ecocitizen Day and Audubon** – people will meet at Railroad Square and walk to Lake Elberta. Audubon will be at Lake Elberta from 9 – 2. Peter G and Peter K will be there. **Who else can help?** Contact Peter K. We agreed that Audubon should have a table set up at Lake Elberta rather than Railroad Square. We agreed to fund a porto-potty at Lake Elberta for Ecocitizen Day. Also **need volunteers** on Sunday for Lake Lafayette and Kirk Edwards.

**Banquet** (Kathleen, Donna and Peter G)

Harvey has given the tickets to Donna. We will begin to sell them at April program meeting and then distribute to Native Nurseries and Wild Birds Unlimited for sale. Tickets are $10. The menu will be Lasagna (meat and spinach) from Little Italy. This includes bread and butter. Donna will order and pick up. Amelia asked about vegan/gluten free. Donna is looking into African ground nut stew from Sweet Pea for those who request it in advance so we will know how much to order. Donna will also purchase sweet tea and lemonade from Publix. Peter G will purchase salad fixings and dessert from Costco.

**Publicity for Banquet**

Donna is making a flier to bring to April program meeting and to put at NN and WBU. Donna will ask Chris Grossman to put out a separate email about the Banquet meeting since we are not doing a direct mailing.

**Engagement**

**Social** – Meet up at Lake Elberta on Saturday, May 4. Peter will plan. Could be in the morning with everyone bringing coffee and muffins or could be in the afternoon with snack type food.

**Science Salon** – Peter is scheduled to speak about the Lake Elberta project on April 23 at 7:25pm at Waterworks – **please come to support him**!

**Outreach**

**Earth Day – Friday April 19, 10am – 2pm** Ann Bruce and Kathleen have volunteered**.** Elizabeth and Donna are working on wildflower seed packets with colorful labels that can be distributed along with our AAS brochure at the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. The board will meet next on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 at Native Nurseries.