**January Board Meeting Minutes**

Apalachee Audubon Society

January 9, 2019

6:30 – 7:45

Florida Audubon Office, 308 North Monroe Street

Submitted by Donna Legare, Secretary

**The following board members were present:**  Donna, David, Kathleen, Peter, Jake, Ann, Harvey

**Treasurer’s Report** through December 15, 2018 – at end of report

6:30 – 6:40

General Updates (Peter)

* Introduction
  + **Approve November Minutes – minutes were not ready; they will be sent out for approval**
* Cool projects, Cool Birds
  + Lake Elberta – Peter reports Painted Bunting, Wilson Warbler, Marsh Wren at Lake Elberta
  + The Grove – Peter and Jake participated in the Grove’s First Saturday Backyard Discovery Station. The January Station focused on birds. 41 people attended over the 2 hour period. Their education coordinator wants to partner more with AAS
* Donate Button on Website???

**Kathleen is working on this – will use PayPal**

* Social
  + **What’s the status? Lilly and Elizabeth could not attend board meeting tonight. Donna will ask them to push for a social in February after the 16th, which is the Wildlife Friendly Yard Tour. We can promote social along the tour.**

6:35-6:45

Thinking About Next Year (Peter)

* Finding members/replacements
  + **Ask yourself if this is something you really want to participate in. There is a lot of absenteeism. We really need active participants.**
  + **Help find replacements or additional board members – be thinking of people now**
* Committee or position ideas
  + **What additional roles are needed?**
    - Chris is doing a great job with newsletter – send her a note thanking her
    - Need a field trip coordinator – a liaison between Jeff and Elizabeth, Kathleen and Tallahassee Democrat **– let’s put this “job description” in the newsletter and let’s also follow up with people if they show interest**

6:45-7:00

Audubon House Update (Peter, Peter, Donna)

* Refresh from last time – Donna, Rob, Peter and Peter met with Mike Sheridan and Julie Wraithmell on Tuesday evening, January 8 to discuss status of Audubon House. Donna, Peter and Peter reported on this.
* Discuss yesterday’s meeting
  + Lichgate – Rob has done some initial research on line which he has distributed to board members. **Donna and Rob will contact someone from the Lichgate board** to see if this is even a possibility. Falls Chase – We probably don’t have the resources to manage a large property and it may be too far from downtown.
  + **Do we have anything additional that needs to be brought to Michael’s attention?** - We should all be looking for houses that are for sale. Must be realistic, not too far from downtown, low maintenance and doable. Must have room for parking. Mike’s wife, a realtor, has been watching for possibilities. Whatever we decide on, our publicity needs to be proactive. In the meantime, we should keep our searches to ourselves.

7:00-7:15

Education Updates (Peter, Donna, Jake)

* Pineview – **Betsy, David and Peter should move forward** with field trip to Lake Elberta. Money is in place for bus.
* Lake Elberta
  + Purple Martin Gourds Installation
    - * Friday – January 11, 4pm – Peter, Jake, Donna, Jody
      * Kids from Walker Ford Community Center joining us – 11 children, grades K – 5 and one teacher
      * WFSU (3) – filmed the event
      * 2 interns
      * 2 bluebird houses donated by John Outland were installed previously
  + Arbor Day
    - Lake Elberta selected as recipient site for Arbor Day – this is a City event, but we are allowed to have a table and will lead some bird walks and lead a trash pick up – **need volunteers!**
  + Interpretive Sign
    - Sending off to fabrication soon – will have to make a small change since the martin pole can not be put on peninsula (would need a boat – too marshy after all the rain)
    - Ian Helping – he will see this process through. Fabrication takes 6 – 8 weeks. We will unveil the sign at the April 27 City Nature Challenge with WFSU for the show Nature

7:15-7:30

Field Trips (Peter, Jake)

* + How did beginner trips go – Jake reports that the birding field trip went well at Westminster. Elizabeth Platt suggested that we have more than one leader for those who cannot walk as far as others, but we do not have the volunteers for this. **Jake will suggest to her that she form a Bird Group at Westminster for those who have trouble walking. She could get help from Ben Fusaro who also lives there. The group could plan a bird feeding watch area and we could have someone come out to do a bird identification program from a window or near the feeder area.** Jake also reports that the Tallahassee Senior Center field trip did not work out.
  + Field trip coordinator – let’s **advertise at the program meeting and in the e-mail newsletter for this position**

Other discussions about field trips:

David suggested partnering with Apalachee Trail Club, Sierra Club, etc. They would like to have birders along on their field trips.

Jeff is really offering an advanced birding experience and his field trips are very popular and well attended. There is a need for beginner trips as well. **Kathleen will bring her spotting scope to the upcoming Lake Elberta birding trip and will hang back with folks who want to spend more time looking at birds or move a little more slowly.**

**Wildlife Friendly Yard Tour –** February 16, 10 – 4 – Tammy has all yards lined up. This needs to be on the website. Need a special event page?

**February’s meeting** – Sue Cerulean requests to speak for 5 minutes before the program. She will talk about how effective the shorebird protection intern program at St. Vincent Island/Indian Pass was last summer and will be looking for funding for this coming summer.

**March’s meeting** – will be followed with a field trip on Saturday, March 25 to a few or all of the yards of the panelists (Donna, Rob, Ann Morrow and Vanessa Crisler). We will limit the size of the group and participants will need to reserve their spots.

**Outreach Event “May the Forest Be With You”** – sponsored by the Florida Trail Association – Apalachee Chapter. **David reports that we will have a booth at this event at Cascades Park on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 1 – 4. Last year 600 attended. We will also lead bird walks. Jake, Peter, Kathleen and David will participate. Others are welcome. Peter will check with Pat and Carol about tabling.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

**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 OK  
  
checks not cashed: 1921 for #35.60  
                    1930 for $20  
                    1931 for $20  
                    1932 for $20  
                    1946 for $50  
  
Cheers, harvey Goldman, Treasurer