

PEACE RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

First Alliance Church, Port Charlotte, FL

September 10, 2015

PRAS President Mike Krzyzkowski opened the meeting at 5:30 PM. Present were Bob Winter, Larry Behrens, Penni Lowery, Jim Knoy and also Eleanor Marr via phone. All other Board of Directors (BOD) members were excused. A quorum was present so the meeting proceeded.

The agenda was approved. The minutes from the summer BOD meeting and the treasurer's report were discussed. Larry Behrens moved to approve the reports, Bob Winter seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

4. Banquet Committee. It was agreed that the date of the banquet could be moved from 3/17/2016 to 3/24/2016 if possible. This change would be effected to avoid conflicts with St Patrick's Day festivities on 3/17/2016. Mike Krzyzkowski will check with the speaker and the banquet facility to see if the change is okay with them, then he will run by the entire BOD to ensure that we have considered all possible concerns.

The BOD also agreed to expand the banquet committee from 5 people to 8 people and to rotate duties to better spread the work load around. The BOD also agreed that delegation of the related tasks might be required.

5. Web site: The BOD discussed the new web site. Penni Lowery and Jim Knoy informed the BOD on how they visualize making updates to the site. Penni Lowery requested that articles be written for the web site and for the PRAS Facebook page.

White Bird. The BOD reaffirmed that two White Bird newsletters would be published and mailed out each year, the first, called the Fall/Winter edition before the start of the season, and the second newsletter, called the Spring edition prior to the Banquet.

6. Scholarship Fund. Michelle Kloese and Linda Waters have volunteered to assist Gregg Klowden with getting the information out for the scholarship fund. Mike Krzyzkowski reported that Gregg Klowden appreciates their assistance. The matter will be discussed further at the next BOD meeting.

7. Banquet Proceeds. Larry Behrens and Michelle Kloese will make recommendations on how to spend the remaining \$2K at the next BOD meeting.

8. Revision of the PRAS Logo. Penni Lowery and Louise Lewis will work on a new logo. The BOD requested that the new logo be simple and easy to copy, use as letter head, etc. It should also be compatible with black and white printing as well as color. A due date was not established since Louise Lewis will not be back in town until November, but they will work via email in the meantime.

9. Photo Contest. The BOD discussed Eleanor Marr's suggested changes. They agreed that there will be two categories for photo entries. A and B. The BOD agreed that the categories of beginners and pro was not appropriate. Category "A" will be for primarily people who have won first, second or third place within the last three years, however anyone else may also enter in this category. Category "B" will only be for people who have not won first, second or third place within the last three years. The award ribbons will be identical for both categories. Bob Winter made a motion to approve this plan. Larry Behrens seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. It was also agreed that the banquet presentation of these awards should be done before the speaker makes their presentation.

New Business

10. PRAS Welcome letter inserts. Michelle Kloese asked for clarification as to what information should be inserted in with letters welcoming new members to PRAS. The BOD agreed that the activity brochure is now the proper information to include with the letter.

11. Audubon Pennington Nature Park. Larry Behrens discussed the vandalism problems we have been experiencing at Pennington. The BOD agreed that the Charlotte County Sherriff's office and the Charlotte County Parks Department should be contacted to see if addition signage warning violators to not break the law and also possibly have more Sherriff patrols conducted in the area. Larry Behrens will follow up on this matter.

12. Mike Krzykowski will attend the State Audubon Assembly on 10/22-25/2015.

13. Eleanor Marr discussed a proposal from Bird Watcher's Digest. They will give PRAS a free subscription in exchange for PRAS publishing some of their articles and also provide the Digest with copies of the PRAS newsletter. Since we no longer have room to publish such articles in the White Bird but rather would publish them on the web site and possibly Facebook, Eleanor Marr was requested to see if that was okay with the Digest people. Jim Knoy agreed to be the delivery point for the Digest to allow him to screen the publication for possible web site articles. Penni Lowery made a motion to approve this plan. Bob Winter seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

14. Bob Winter's son is graciously agreeing to make a new banner for PRAs to use with the new tent. The BOD discussed the size of banner needed and the desire to do the banner after the new logo is decided upon.

The BOD meeting then adjourned to visited the meeting room for the general meeting to be held on 9/17/2015.