

Peace River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
First Alliance Church, Port Charlotte
May 10, 2018

Board Members Present: Julie Black, Michelle Kloese, Mike Krzyzkowski, Cindy Macri, Ron Mills, Nancy Turner plus Publicity Chair, Sue Galvin.

Mike opened the meeting and the board approved the agenda for tonight and the minutes from the previous board meeting. The following correspondence was sent by the secretary: April 1, thank yous on letterhead to all businesses donating to our silent auction, plus one individual donation; April 16, thank you to 2 donors in memoriam of Marion Buttner, acknowledgement to Jim Buttner; May 4, thank you to The Patterson Foundation concerning the Giving Challenge, and thanks to Kathy Rohrer for donation.

The April Treasurer's report also was approved. Comments by Mike: \$1750 donated to Giving Challenge so \$3500 with match, BirdaThon raised about \$1400. These funds will be moved to appropriate account when Sandy returns. T-shirts will continue to be sold at next meeting, need to sell 80% to break even.

OLD BUSINESS:

Education Committee: Michelle received an email from Cynthia with pictures of students during feeder project at Sallie Jones school.

Larry B will speak at Cultural Center (library event) on 6/6/18 with Ron M assisting. Michelle suggested looking at birds in guide and then going outside to learn about using binoculars and identifying birds seen.

Young Birders Club: Michelle will lead meeting this summer.

Bird Blind Update: Mike reported that feeders have been taken down for the season and CHEC has seen fewer visitors.

Pennington Update: Cindy reported less trash found at the park! PRAS received award for Keep America Beautiful. The award will be given to Larry B at the upcoming meeting for all his work at Pennington.

Giving Challenge Update: Letters acknowledging gifts of any amount required. Emails were sent by the Giving Challenge acknowledging donation amounts.

Nominating Committee: No responses reported from Larry B's committee sign-up at the last meeting. New PRAS board member, Brenda Curtis will be asked by Mike to consider chairing the Conservation committee. Sue Galvin volunteered to run the Hospitality committee. The PRAS membership will elect the board members, officers, and committee chairs at the upcoming meeting.

Website Follow-up: According to Jim Knoy, adding additional website access to more board members could be confusing, better to go through Kalinda for all web info to be placed on site. Jim Knoy will be the backup for Kalinda if she is not available. Sue Galvin can also be contact for the website since she is adding information regularly anyway. Discussed that website was in need of updating. Additional administrative access is ok for Facebook. Phyllis can be contacted for posting to Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board approved sending a \$50 donation to Tidewell Hospice in memory of Jim Knoy's mother, Bernice Knoy.

CHEC summer camp scholarships were discussed and the board approved donating a total of \$1800 (12 scholarships of \$150). Since the camps are starting the beginning of June, a request will be made for Sandy to send check right away. Some funds will be allocated for the Young Birder's Club after the committee meets this summer.

Mike announced that 2 complimentary tickets are available for a lecture by Doug Tallamy on 5/16/18 in Boca Raton.

Mike reported a thank you letter was received from Audubon of the Western Everglades for a \$200 donation from our banquet speaker.

Ron Mills shared information from a meeting with Stefanie Plein from Holbrook Travel about organizing a birding trip for our club maybe to Costa Rica or another location. Will ask about member's interest. Could include other regional Audubon chapters. More information to follow.

If you have any speaker ideas for next year, please share with Mike.

Summer Planning meeting: Mike will email board members and committee chairs some dates in July, please respond if you are able to attend on those dates.

The meeting was adjourned by Mike K.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Black
PRAS Secretary