

MVAS Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m. on Zoom

Start: 5:37pm

End: 6:35pm

Attending: Attendees: President: Elaine Stachera Simon, Secretary: Aaron Lucas, Treasurer Diane Moore, Sid Webb, Annie Mitchell, Cheryl Fallstead

1. November board [minutes approved](#).
2. Treasurer's end-of-November balance report [\(\\$14,528.83\) approved](#).
3. Updates:

T-shirts: update from Annie & Cheryl – order form needs to be completed (ESS human again after Friday Dec. 11) [Waiting from Elaine Stachera Simon. Input Scheduled for Saturday](#).

Lease agreement update from Gill. [No update at this time](#).

Update on grants: Elaine & Sid.

[\\$1800 left from 2019 Grant on the bird survey. Now no unused funds are not due back until June 2021.](#)

Insurance update/recommendation: Aaron

[An Insurance Inputs and Quotes summary was sent out to the board members couple days prior to the board meeting, which included insurance definitions. Aaron's first recommendation was to purchase any insurance policy from RVNA \(R. V. Nuccio & Associates Insurance Brokers. They specialize in providing insurance for non-profits, including National Audubon. Also recommended Accident Medical insurance at \\$50,000 with a yearly cost of \\$188.00 and Directors and Officers insurance at \\$87.50 for coverage of \\$100,000. As we do not put on any events more difficult then walking on a path on public land, Aaron didn't see the need for the Liability insurance which would be a minimum of \\$315.00. Suggested that no action be taken until MVAS is able to start activities again. Aaron agreed to help with getting the appropriate insurance at that time. Elaine would inquire of Audubon Southwest what insurance coverage do they recommend for a chapter.](#)

4. 2021 planning? Program ideas: (1) what to do if you find a bird (Stick House, Second Chance, Gila Wildlife Rescue)
(2) owl story – boxes? DACC, Good Sam? Local women found a barn owl in distress, found out about BLANK and took it there. Owl didn't recovery. But building owl boxes.
(3) bird blind. The leftover grant funds may be able to use for a bird blind. A 2nd Audubon grant is being requested with Western Waters about \$1000. A 3rd Audubon grant for accessibility to birding sites for \$750/\$1200 may also be possible. Alex and Skeeter at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park are very interested in the bird blind. Jay Wilbur is willing to share the plans and information he has from when he was heading up the bird blind project, before Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park was taken over by Game and Fish NM. The State Park may assemble the bird blind. Site must be accessible. State Park actually is owned by a few owners. Some private. Need more information
(4) river protection cont'd – start with signage (5) ???

5. Committee updates:

Education: Honorary membership for Audubon magazine.

Butterflies and Moths: waitin' on spring

Publications: next Roadrunner Ramblings due out February 1. Working on El Paso region.

IBWC(US International Water Boundary Commission) Citizens' Forum: Sid, next meeting is scheduled for February

Programs: December: Holi-birdy Photo Party – thank you Sid & Annie

January? Elections – what else? Trying to invite Julie of Stick House, Bird Rescue.

6. Other business

Library – Audubon magazine? Adopt-a-school? Asombro?

Replacement for MVAS secretary. Both Annie Mitchell and Cheryl Fallstead have expressed an interest in the position.

Thank you, Aaron! (Raise a glass!)

Next board meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 (Friday the 13th in on Wednesday!!)

Adjourn