

Executive Committee Meeting  
7 Jan 2013  
Minutes

Members present: Virginia Boyles, John Adair, Marilyn Adair, Brent Slaughter, Laura Slaughter, Phyllis Simonetta-Roth, Dave Youker

Discussion Topics:

1. Budget

- In good shape...we're solvent

2. Membership roster

- Active management is needed. Currently there are 63 members which is a 30% drop from last year. One more reminder will be sent to those that haven't yet paid. After that, members will be called to determine what information they want included on a roster to be published and provided to all members.

3. 2013-14 Nominating committee

- According to By-laws all positions available, except 2 Directors. A new slate of candidates is needed by April with a vote in May and installation of officers in June. Dave Youker will organize a nominating committee.

4. Host VSO Annual Conference in 2014

- We have been asked by VSO to consider hosting the 2014 Annual Conference. A facility able to hold 120-130 people is key. Also a keynote speaker is important to line up early. All felt it would be a lot of work but the club could do it. The topic will be presented to the members at the 10 Jan meeting.

5. Educational/research support

- We have not received any scholarship nominations from CNU, nor have we received any project applications. Audubon has various camps that we could send members to promote avian research and study. The club could provide partial funding, and the individual would have to fund the remainder to include transportation to the location. People questioned whether members would be interested. Dave Youker will provide a list of potential camps, and it will be provided to club members for consideration.

## 6. Member support/recognition

- Discussions concerned recognizing members for long-term contributions, and providing flowers/donations to members hospitalized or who experienced a family loss. All agreed not to take any formal club action. Flowers/donations to members would be according to individual desires. Recognition would be ongoing during meetings and in newsletter, but nothing formal from the club to ensure not offending those not recognized.

## 7. Summer picnic

- The option of holding a picnic other than at Sandy Bottom was discussed. Virginia Boyles took the action to explore other alternatives. Exploring other options will also be presented to members for their vote at the 10 Jan meeting.

## 8. Horticulture Extravaganza

- The event is on 9 March. Members will be asked to sign-up at the 10 Jan meeting. If there isn't any support, the club will not participate again this year.

## 9. WSM IBA

- Dave Youker will put together the plan for 2013 and present it to the members at the Feb meeting.