MINUTES - CCBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 pm on JANUARY 13, 2020 at the CC Museum of Natural History, Brewster

1. Welcome to Attendees (Bono)

Present: Bono, Cadillac, Clapp, Curley, Forbes, Foti, Goodchild, Raffaele, Raleigh
Absent: Faherty

Which directors will be absent at February meeting? Possibly Bono

2. Approve Minutes of Past Meeting (Raleigh).

a. November minutes were approved by email.
b. No Board Meeting in December

3. Treasurer's Report (Curley)

a. YTD income and expenses through the end of December
   i. YTD income totals $5,250, YTD expenses, including operating expenses and donations/memberships: $2147.
   ii. The grant fund received $1083 YTD in donations, disbursed $598 by Dec 31
   iii. End of December YTD checkbook balance $26,231
   iv. First income check from Amazon Smiles was in November $8.35
   v. Renewed memberships to CCMNH ($100) and ABA ($75)
   vi. Our holiday fundraiser raised $526; monies were disbursed 50/50 to operating income & conservation & ed fund
   vii. [NOTE: the December Treasurer's Report was amended Feb 9, resulting in an amended closing balance of $26230, not $26231.]

b. Membership totals for 2020 (new and renewals)
   i. December New Members: 8 (YTD 32)
   ii. December New Households: 5 (YTD 21)
   iii. December Renewing Members: 15 (YTD 227)
   iv. December Renewing Households: 10 (YTD 150)
   v. Good year for new members, highest since bird festival (2015 or '16)
   vi. Follow up with non-renewing members – 69 not renewed

4. Merchandise (Goodchild):

   i. [There were no sales from the last opening of the CCEmbroidery website just before Christmas. That is why there was no check dated in December.]

b. Online store closed now through end of March. There's a new catalog, might want to revisit the selection. Next time will open 2-3 weeks before April meeting.

c. Checklist distribution status: we sell in bulk @55 cents per checklist.
   Any updates? 403 Checklists left, waiting on follow-up from CC National Seashore

5. Young Birder Scholarship (Faherty):

a. We reserved Hog Island again for 2020 and we reserved Costa Rica
b. Applications Received? – Two Barnstable HS applicants. One applicant missed deadline. Discussed deadline date. Students back in school well before deadline.
c. Reviewed process – PDFs of applications scanned, read by committee, decide if suitable. Review committee Curley, Clapp, Faherty, Foti. All board members can get copy of applications.
6. Teach the Teachers initiative (Curley):
   a. Status of initiative? Put off until February
   b. We have contacted Bridget Burger, Dir of Adult Ed, at CCCC

7. Micro-grant initiative (Raffaele):
   a. What is follow up from this year’s grants? Nothing new on the grants. Would like to have at least one written report(s) with photos by early March for publication in Spring issue of The Kingfisher.
   b. Any other new proposals for 2020 funding? Proposal from Jamaica, new Endemics poster. Have a group that will match what we put up. Cuba still pending, Raffaele will contact them. Should get proposal.
   c. Local Proposals – The Board is open to more local proposals. Members may encourage proposals from worthy organizations, $500-$1000. Tree swallow program? Refurbish nest boxes?

8. Walks: Need new Director (Bono)
   a. Walks Director: MJ Foti is taking on Walks Directorship plus management of Winter Wildfowl Survey. Stef Paventy has been doing it for a long time, is now off-Cape.
   b. February Walks: D Clapp volunteered to lead several walks in February. Need 9 days’ notice to publicize outside our website.

9. Kingfisher mailings:
   a. Printed: 160 and mailed 126 first class.
   b. Next Kingfisher produced, emailed, and online by March 28
   c. Next Kingfisher mailed after March 29

10. Publicity/Public Awareness Status Report (Cadillac):
    a. Status of “Rack Cards”? No action since last meeting (vacation). Asked for pix to put on card, make them stand out. Subcommittee to work on a draft: Curley, Clapp, Cadillac.
    b. Website news items; all back issues of The Kingfisher posted – last one found
    c. Social Media (Facebook; what else?)
    d. Local Media and Event Sites, plus CCMNH “Tidings”
    e. Association of Mass Bird Clubs: MJ and Maria representing us
    f. Local event presence?
    g. Anything else?

11. Miscellaneous Donations
    a. Camera from Ron Cadillac and Tripod from MJ Foti did not attract a bid at the Dec Silent Auction; what to do
    b. Donation of books and other items?
        i. Forbush 3 volumes; Phil Kyle has not responded to multiple emails
        ii. Bird feeder from BWGS will be auctioned at general meeting
        iii. Leftover books displayed in general meeting – free

12. New Business
    a. AMBC – Is voting on whether to sign a letter supporting a House bill that would strengthen Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Ten clubs must vote, 7 to pass. Board voted yes.

13. Adjourn 7:00 p.m.
General Meeting

Called to order 7:15 p.m. by Peter Bono

Attendance: 66 people
2 new members introduced, 0 visitors

Auction: Squirrel Buster Feeder donated by BWGS sold for $45

Announcements:
- MJ Foti taking on Walks director
- Need Newsletter director
- Membership renewals at 77%, 62 households still need to pay. Treasurer can take payment tonight
- Kingfisher late to printer, should be arriving soon if not yet
- Scholarship applications were received
- Merchandise available in the back of the room
- Upcoming walks
  - January 18 – check website to see if weather postpones
  - Scusset Beach – Keelin Miller. King Eider reported there recently.
  - New walks not in newsletter
    - Mon, Feb 3 (8-11) Corporation Beach
    - Fri, Feb 14 (8-11) Lighthouse Beach, Chatham
    - Sat, Feb 29 (8-11) meeting at National Seashore Visitors Center
- Check website for details

Bird Sightings:
- Pine Warblers in groups at feeders
- Yellow-rumped Warbler at Scusset
- Black-throated Blue Warbler in Wellfleet
- Black-and-White Warbler in Provincetown
- Painted Buntings – 9 on Cape Cod this late winter
  - Organic Farm, Brewster, Bank Street Bog
- Baltimore Oriole – since November
- Western Tanager – Exit 2, Oriole Lane
- Black Guillemots at MacMillan Pier in Provincetown
- Snow Goose (1 or 2) with Canada Geese in a ballfield off Exit 10
- Tufted Duck – Long Pond, Hinckley’s, Seymour, among 4-800 scaup
  - Black back, not grey, more contrasty than scaup
  - Early morning at Long Pond, after that they move around

Program:

Mark Faherty gave a wonderful presentation on “Bird and Wildlife Photo Safari Through Tanzania”

Meeting Adjourned 8:57 p.m.