

**Cape Cod Bird Club
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017**

Present: Christine Bates (Vice President), Peter Bono, Judith Davis (President), Mark Faherty, Mary Jo Foti (Treasurer), George Oleyer, Julie O’Neil (Secretary), Marilyn Schlansky

Absent: Paul Schlansky, Barbara Quinn Grasso, Ken Casson

Judith opened the meeting at 6:17 pm. She remarked that, this year, we try offering the refreshments both at the beginning of each program and at the end. The formal program will start around 7:15pm or so.

Minutes – There were no minutes of the May and June Board Meetings offered for approval.

Treasurer’s Report – September Treasurer’s Report (Mary Jo Foti)

September income included \$2700 in dues and \$75 in merchandise. Expenses were \$212 and includes a \$150 speaker fee, \$29 for postage, and \$33 in administration fees for PayPal. Our current account balance is \$20,254 which outpaces last year’s September balance by \$2,531.

In addition, the proposed budget was updated to reflect the removal of the Chamber of Commerce fee (\$295) and the addition of \$240 to Merchandise Expenses.

The budget for 2017-2018 was approved as circulated with two changes: (a) elimination of \$295 for the Chamber of Commerce dues for 2017-18 and (a) the addition of \$240 to the Merchandise budget.

Walks – Stephanie noted that we need more walk leaders (esp. Board members) to lead walks.

Merchandise – George updated the merchandise inventory, noting that the Club was out of baseball caps and as of now there are 50+ CCBC window decals. It was suggested that there be a separate website page for merchandise. Also, the upcoming newsletter could feature “what we have, what we don’t have and what we wish we had.”

Teen Birding Scholarship – After discussion, the Board decided that 2 slots should be reserved for Hog Island. It is not too costly (\$100) to give up a slot if we don’t get enough applicants. The budget contains enough money to fund two scholarships. We deferred discussion about offering other scholarship opportunities beyond the Hog Island Audubon Camp until we can research the other possibilities—cost, timing, application process, logistics (transportation) among the considerations that have to be taken into account.

Refreshments –As Marilyn will be unable to be present to serve refreshments for several months this fiscal year, owing to Monday night conflicts, she will need one or two people to substitute for her during the months she is not available. In particular, the volunteers will need to pick up the remaining refreshments, tablecloths, etc., and take them home for use at the next meeting.

Newsletter – Peter stated that the due date for the submitting material for the Fall 2017 Issue of *The Kingfisher* is September 15.

Peter led a discussion of the types of articles to include, especially budget items. Below is the text that Peter proposed with the Board’s approval for the newsletter:

2018 Budget Approved by CCBC Board

“At its September 2017 Meeting, the CCBC Board of Directors approved a budget that authorizes \$10,760 in spending for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. Of that total, 27% (\$2900)

covers the costs of the meetings; 38% (\$4045) is budgeted for the scholarship and donations to other tax-exempt organizations; and the remaining 35% (\$3,815) is allocated to cover the costs of administration including the newsletter, the website, our PO Box rental, our Chamber of Commerce membership, and the Griscom Award.

On the income side, we expect to cover only 50% of the costs with our membership dues. The remaining costs are covered by your donations, the Holiday auction and bake sale, and by drawing from our cash reserve, which, at the end of June 2017, amounted to \$15,909."

Note: the text of the article will be modified to reflect the final budget adjustments also agreed at this meeting.

After requesting quotes from both our current printer (Merlin) and another printer (Curley), Judith and Peter decided to stay with the long-time printer Merlin, because they will now fold, label and mail our newsletter with the only additional cost to us being the cost of postage.

Programs – Mark is working on the October and upcoming programs. The November program will feature Bird Research on Monomoy. The October meeting speaker is not yet known.

The Guest Speaker tonight was **Joan Walsh** (Mass Audubon's State of the Birds: Climate Change Edition)

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

General Crowd – approximately 50+ members and guests.

Sightings (Selective)

- Little Stint – Morris Island
- Shearwaters – Race Point
- Red-tail Hawk eating mammal – King's Way, Yarmouth Port
- Rails (Virginia, Sora) – Wellfleet, Herring River
- Bald Eagle – Bourne
- Juvenile Bald Eagle – Yarmouth
- Red-breasted Nuthatch – Long Pond
- Cape May Warblers (3) – Punkhorn
- Forster Terns (2) – Judith Davis CCBC Walk

The next meeting will be at 6pm on Monday, October 9, Columbus Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie O'Neil (Secretary, CCBC)