

## Southern California Bluebird Club

August 5, 2017 minutes

**Bill Wallace** began the meeting at 9:00 am, with 35 people in attendance. Ivy Li and her two children were attending for the first time.

**Jo-Ann Coller** read the treasurer report: SCBC took in \$113.32 in donations and \$40.00 in sales. A donation of \$2000.00 was sent to the "Tree Care for Birds," project. CCI took in \$300.00 in donations and \$106.00 in sales. The project expenses were \$64.36. The combined net is \$9946.16.

**Gillian Martin** gave a power point presentation on her progress through the month of July. The Tree Care for Birds project has completed their Best Management Practices for arborists and have created a two-page, double-sided handout to support the BMPs. It is available on the Tree Care for Birds website and the CCI website. She is creating a list of experienced birders and bird biologist who have the expertise to answer questions or concerns that arborists might encounter in the field. A new website will be available in September to address tree trimming issues.

**Gillian** attended a workshop on tree care for street trees at Cal Poly with 175 attendees. She had a booth with handouts for participants.

On August 24, **Gillian** will be doing a presentation at a meeting of the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture on the role of woodpeckers in the urban forest.

There was an article published in the "Western Arborist" summer 2017 issue, entitled *The Woodpecker and Arborist: Two keystone roles in conservation arboriculture*, written by **Gillian Martin**.

Loss of nesting birds in Newport Beach required intervention with a tree care company, HOA and property manager. Gillian wrote letters to all entities and shared the Tree Care for Birds handout as a resource to them in the future.

**Gillian** presented a program for 22 youth in summer camp in Carlsbad. She also attended Orange County Parks' strategic planning meeting where park users from

the County were asked how the parks could better serve all residents, especially those from low income and diverse ethnicities.

**Dessi Sieberth** spoke about cavity nesting birds at a conference for the garden clubs of California.

**Dick Purvis** brought a nest box he made from Cedar and presented it to **Sully Reallon**.

**Natalia Doshi**, from Fullerton Collage gave a short report on her ongoing science project to test temperatures inside nest boxes at various nest box locations to see if this affects nest results.

**Susan Bulger** reported a disappointing result at West Wood Golf Course in La Habra. She reported an unusual number of bluebird deaths which she suspects is caused by West Nile virus.

The meeting was closed with bluebird tails from the members.

Respectfully submitted by **Jo-Ann Coller**