

MINUTES OF THE SCBC MEETING
(Southern California Bluebird Club)

March 1, 2014

Meeting began 9:00 by Bob Franz with 31 in attendance.

Dick Purvis introduced our guest speaker, **David McMichael** from the OC Water District.

There were three new people who found us through the SCBC Web Site: **David Alvarez** and **Joe Distefano** from N. Tustin, and Mary from La Habra.

Treasurer's Report by **JoAnn Coller**:

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1. Donations: \$622.00 total from presentations by **Jim Semelroth** and **Bob Franz**, t-shirts, donation of supplies to Girl Scouts of Orange.
2. Expenses: 3,055.00 total from \$3,000. To CCI, \$35. For park pass, \$25. For booth at Girl Scouts of Orange at UCI, August 16th.
3. Current Balance: \$4,085.00

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1. Received transfer of \$3,000.00 grant
2. \$90.00 printing expense
3. Current Balance: \$5560.00

Eagle Scout Project: **James Ritchey** announced he had received permission to build 50 bluebird boxes.

Cub Scouts of Irvine built 45 boxes for us with their scout logo painted on the boxes.

Bob Keeley brought several milkweed plants for anyone who wanted them.

CCI: **Gillian Martin** is in Spain at a Woodpecker Conference.

SCBC Events for 2014:

1. March 23, Tree of Life Nursery, **Jim Semelroth and Sully Reallon**
2. April 4th, Casper Park Booth, **Gillian Martin and Elena Hery**
3. April 12th & 13th Green Scene Fullerton Arboretum
4. March 10th South Coast Fuchsia Society/ Palos Verdes
5. March 15th Book signing at Wild Birds Unlimited 10:00 to 4:00
6. July 11 – August 10th OC Fair: Wed to Fri 12 to 8pm/ Sat to Sun 10:00 to 8:00
7. August 16th Girl Scouts of Orange County, booth at UCI event center, Irvine

Sue Bulger: Lost a monitor and would like a volunteer. Put Ad in OC Register, no response.

Sue Bulger also presented an opportunity to raise funds through the Duck Race: April 19, \$5.00 per duck or 6 for \$25.00. SCBC gets half of all proceeds from the ducks we sell.

Bob Franz asked for an official photographer: Bob Keeley volunteered

David McMichael, a biologist and Senior Environmental Specialist from Orange County Water District was our guest speaker. He discussed and had a slide presentation on the OC Water District's Tree Swallow recovery efforts in the Lower Santa Ana River. The Tree Swallows are voracious consumers of flying insects within wetland and riverine systems. This creates the potential for Tree Swallows to make a significant dent in the insect pest population. The boxes put out are basically the same design that we use for the Bluebirds and they have had a few use the boxes. Surprisingly in areas that we would not have expected them to nest. He also discussed the floating nests they made for the Black Neck Stilt, boxes built for the Barn Owls, Wood ducks and the nest built on 60' poles for Ospreys. David had information about the Waste & Recycling in Orange County. There are four locations: 1071 N. Blue Gum St, Anaheim; 17121 Nichols Street-Gate 6 Huntington Beach; 6411 Oak Canyon, Irvine; and 32250 La Pata Ave, San Juan Capistrano.

Respectfully submitted by **Danette Davis**