

Minutes for the Southern California Bluebird Club

October 7, 2017 O'Neal Regional Park

Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 9:30 am. There were 15 people present.

Jo-Ann Collier read the treasurer's report.

CCI received \$500.00 in donations and spent \$137.36 in expenses, leaving a net balance of \$7568.38

SCBC received \$14.00 in donations and spent \$152.46 for a table display, leaving a net balance of \$3491.37.

Our combined balance is \$11059.75.

Bill Wallace reminded members there are still bluebird trails that are not being monitored. We need members to step up and clean out the boxes for next spring.

Dick Purvis reminded members that he placed the very first nest box in O'Neal Park back in 1984. Bluebirds nested in the box the first year.

Jim Semelroth heard, from a woman, who is interested in monitoring the Santa Ana Country Golf Course.

Susan Bulger said she would contact the woman.

Bill Wallace brought up the possibility of doing the Green Scene next spring at the Fullerton Arboretum. This last year we took in \$491.00 and spent \$325.00 for the booth, leaving us with a net of \$166.00. We need to find other venues where we are not serving the same customers and where the booth fees are less.

Gillian Martin did a presentation for Pasadena Audubon on the topic of Tree Care for Birds for over 70 people. They included not only bird advocates but people from the city of Pasadena, LA County Parks and Recreation, Audubon CA and Debs Park.

Gillian also did a presentation on Preventing Harm to Nesting Birds for the Landscape Expo at the Long Beach Convention Center.

LA area resident, Ella Pennington, contacted Gillian about locations for nest boxes for the American kestrel.

Jerry Millet (Long Beach area monitor) and **Jim Kimbrey** (LA area monitor) have shown an interest in working with her. Gillian consulted **Scot Thomas**, Sea and Sage's raptor expert. He reported poor success in getting kestrels to accept nest boxes in Southern CA. Scott expressed concern about starlings and house sparrows getting in the boxes, and said these boxes were often occupied by bees. He did not think it was worth the effort.

After the meeting our club joined in with booth displays for Acorn Day. **Gillian Martin** displayed the materials for CCI in a booth with the help of **Tomas Dardis**, and **Jo-Ann Collier** held a second booth displaying nest boxes and materials for SCBC until 2:00 pm. Members **Susan Bulger** and **Bill and Inga Wallace** helped with the booths. Acorn Day was well attended.