

Southern California Bluebird Club
November 3, 2012 minutes
Irvine Ranch Water District

Dick Purvis opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. There were 40 people present. New members were introduced: **Tim & Barbara Harriman** and their two young girls came with their friend **Kerry**. **Ronald Louterback** came for the first time and has agreed to monitor the Santa Ana Country Club.

Dick Purvis brought articles from the Orange County Register. **Cindy McNatt**, reporter, wrote a three page review on our conference and then a follow up article a few days later. **Gillian Martin** was also interviewed on her owl program and also had an article in the Register.

Dick Purvis announced that **Bob Franz** is retiring as the club president and MC. Bob has been the president for several years and everyone gave him a standing ovation for his leadership. **Dick Purvis** will serve as the president and MC in Bob's place.

Jo-Ann Coller read the treasurer's report. The NABS conference cost a total of \$26705.53. The total income for the club and the conference was \$32803.33. This leaves the club with a net balance of \$6097.80. Members who would like to be reimbursed for their room charges at the Radisson should submit their bills to Jo-Ann.

Jo-Ann Coller proceeded to thank the members for their support of the conference. **Bob Franz** served as MC for the conference and did an outstanding job. **Renee Cox & Kim Venhuizen** coordinated the Silent auction which brought in \$2,000 in sales. **John Venhuizen** and **Jim Rogers** drove the 15 passenger vans and drove our guests to the Newport Sea Base for the Pontoon boat rides and to Balsa Chica and finally to Mason Regional Park. This saved the club over \$1,000. **Jim Semelroth** kept all our audio visual equipment working for the workshops and our keynote speakers. **Bill Wallace** set up our card reader on his laptop and kept it working through the conference. **Mike Spohn** was a big hit with his video camera

display and he donated two of his set ups for \$150 each. **Mike Spohn and Jim Rogers** took many photos at the conference and sent them to the club.

Jo-Ann went on to give credit to **Gillian Martin** for her imagination and beautiful displays that were educational and entertaining. Gillian also made and donated the center pieces for Thursday and Friday's banquets and also for our happy hour get-togethers. She also donated funds to comp extra meals for our scouts and their families and ten or so additional meals for those who wanted to attend but didn't have the funds.

Robin & Jean Suan, Elena Hery, Sue McDonald, Inge & Bill Wallace, Jim & Dottie Rogers, Kappy Hurst & Mike Spohn all helped on the courtesy desk to greet our guests, hand out conference packets, and to sell merchandise.

Beverly White, Bill & Inge Wallace, Jim Rogers, Free Clarke, Katie Purvis, Bob Franz, Dannette Davis, Tom Hery, Jim Semelroth, Dick Purvis, Renee Cox and Susan Bulger all volunteered as event coordinators. They took tickets, answered questions, and sometimes drove their own cars to help make our guests feel welcome and cared for. Jo-Ann also thanked all those who registered and attended the conference.

Tom Croom and Gillian Martin stood up and praised **Jo-Ann Coller** for coordinating the event, producing all the printed material, made and donated the center pieces for Saturday's banquet and handled all the finances. **Jim Semelroth** reminded everyone that when he proposed hosting NABS 2011, it was Jo-Ann who pushed to host the conference when most of the club was not convinced that it was a good idea based on lack of time and liabilities.

Jo-Ann Coller announced she received a letter from the IRS making the Southern California Bluebird Club a tax exempt public charity under section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as of July 9, 2012. All of our expenses and donations are now tax exempt. Jo-Ann also submitted a form to the State of California requesting a tax exemption from the State.

Jim Semelroth put together a slide show of all the photos taken at the conference and a video **from Mike Spohn's** web cam. Everyone watched the show and served themselves a celebration brunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Coller