

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUEBIRD CLUB

August 6, 2016

Irvine Ranch Water District Meeting Room

Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 9:07 am. There were 37 in attendance. Refreshments were provided by **Bill and Inga Wallace** and **Sue Bulger**. New-Comers' were introduced. **Terry and Mike Powell** from Costa Mesa who found our club off the internet. **Terry and Don Deschenes** from Newport.

Bill Wallace presented the lifter quick off mechanism. It is a safety feature to prevent the basket becoming separated from the pole accidentally. They are available for a donation to the club. It was mentioned that TruValue has a good quality of pool poles that can be used with the Purvis basket.

Treasurer Report by Jo-Ann Collier: SCBC income \$1239.50, expenses \$671.90, Net total \$4213.82. CCI income \$10.00, expenses \$250.59, Net total \$6133.87. Combined total \$10,347.69.

Bob Franz: Speakers Bureau, **Bob Franz** and **Dick Purvis** are not able to continue speaking engagements. Bob did his first presentation in 2001 at his granddaughter's kindergarten class. June 2016 was his last presentation. He has done 89 presentations. He received \$2300. for the presentations and presented the money to the club for bluebird boxes. **Jim Semelroth** has made presentations to over 2000 people. If you are interested in being on the Speakers Bureau there are a list of power-point presentations on the web site. **Gillian Martin** has a lot of information that she can share also. NABS has a CD with power-point presentations. It might be focused more on the Eastern Bluebird.

Gillian Martin CCI Report: Wood Decay in Urban Trees: Fungi in trees is not necessarily a serious risk factor. It depends on the tree and the climate. Fungi can be used to attack other fungi. The San Diego Audubon has a bird festival in February. **Gillian Martin, Bill and Inga Wallace** will man a booth. Turtle Rock Nature Center has retained several dead trees and made a display to explain the importance of retaining them. There is now a tree sign (explaining the importance of dead and dying trees) in Illinois. **Peggy Honda**, a photographer of birds, gave **Gillian** permission to use her pictures to make a video with music. **Gillian** gave a modified presentation of her PowerPoint, *The Wonderful Life of a Dying Tree: Past and Present*.

Susan Bulger has a library of books (mostly about bluebirds) to lend out to members. They may be taken out for one month, but please return them so others may use them.

Golf Courses needing monitors: Brea Creek-2boxes; Costa Mesa-24 boxes; Leisure World Exec-30 boxes; Costa Mesa Sol (Mission Viejo)-16 boxes.

Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer is destroying several types of trees. UC Riverside, UC Davis, and OC Farm Supply are good places to find out more information.

Next meeting is September 3, 2016

Respectfully Submitted by

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