

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUEBIRD CLUB

March 4, 2017

Irvine Water District Meeting Room

Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 9:05. The **Van Heuson's** and **Sue Bulger** provided snacks.

New attendees: **Hunter Engstrum**, a student from Diamond Bar High School. He is taking an AP class that requires the students to do an environmental project. His group is doing a California Nature Garden on the school campus with plants and a bluebird box on a post. Indigo is a Fullerton Arboretum Horticulturist. She has agreed to monitor a trail. **Debbie Beilstein** from Lake Forest brought back an old box to get a new box to replace it with.

JoAnn Collier gave treasurers report: **CCI** Misc donations \$500.00, Sign Sales \$220.00, Expenses for January and February \$1304.60. Total Net \$6434.02. **SCBC** Misc donations \$192.00, Wild Birds \$150.00, No expenses, Total Net \$4456.60.

Bill Wallace commented on a park that has cemented in trees that have cavities in them for the birds. They have provided seating and a little library. Ralph B Clark Regional Park in Buena Park.

A get-well card was passed around to sign for **Bob Franz**. He fell off a ladder and hurt his neck. He is mending slowly.

Gillian Martin's CCI Report: Gillian gave a presentation at the San Diego Bird Festival. Several people from the club were there and helped at the booth on Family Day, on Sunday. 20 signs for dead and dying trees were sent to Illinois.

The special tree in Mason Park that had woodpeckers and bluebirds nesting in it last spring fell over after the last big storm. The park rangers were having the cavities saved, one for them and one for Gillian.

CALFIRE report has been submitted. The 10th edition of a guide for tree appraisals.

The website for information about the California parrots is: www.amazonia.us

Bees in your boxes: Roger Wells of Yorba Linda will come and get them at no charge and he will not destroy the bees. 714-856-5617.

Susan Bulger reminded us about the Love Fullerton volunteer opportunity. One Saturday volunteers will go to a variety of sights and make improvements.

Reminder about Easter grass and how dangerous it is for the birds that put it in their nests.

Next meeting will be April 1, 2017. **Natalia Doshi** from Cal State Fullerton will talk about her research project on ambient noise and the reproduction of bluebirds.

Respectfully Submitted by

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