

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUEBIRD CLUB  
MAY 2, 2015 MINUTES**

**Bill Wallace** opened the meeting at 9:00 am. New comers were welcomed: **Austin Xu** from Cal State Fullerton, **Keith Reed, Ashley Pearson** from Orange, and **Margy Thompson**, N. Tustin.

**Jo-Ann Collier, Treasurer report:** CCI total income \$772.00, expenses \$303.99, Net Income \$8115.59. SCBC total income \$820.76, expenses \$892.99, Net Income \$2469.09.

**Gillian Martin's CCI report to SCBC for April 2015**

Gillian and Star Howard (Board member of Sea and Sage Audubon) conducted a second annual snag survey of UCI's Reserve. A report was submitted to Prof Peter Bowler who is the Director of the Preserve.

Gillian has been heavily promoting the condensed kit to environmental educators, rangers and teachers. To date, 27 kits have been distributed without charge; most have been mailed. Gillian's email about the kits to CA State Parks received a very positive response. The kits were provided on condition that the recipients provide feedback about how they used it, what was of value to them and what was not. This information is necessary for the end of the year grant reports to funders.

Progress is being made on setting up the first meeting of the Urban Foresters Coop. It appears that the meeting will likely be in early July. **Bill Wallace** has kindly arranged for meeting space at the Fullerton Arboretum. About a dozen people are expected and the goal is to keep the first meeting to two hours followed by a catered lunch. **Steve Kaye** has been asked to moderate the meeting because of his professional training in doing such things for businesses. Gillian is waiting a response from him.

Jim and Gillian provided a field trip at O'Neill Park for a very small group of members of the Tapestry Church.

Davis Magnet Elementary School in Costa Mesa had an ECO night to which Gillian was invited to set up a booth. About 35 people visited the booth.

On April 24 Gillian provided four programs for 96 third graders at an Environmental Education Day organized by the city of Mission Viejo.

**Jo-Ann Collier and Gary Livesy** helped Gillian with Mission Viejo's Arbor Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 125 attendees visit the booth. Games were well received by youngsters.

Bonita Canyon Elementary School in Irvine has an environmental group called Little Individuals For the Environment. Gillian did a program for their 30 kids at their monthly meeting.

Bob Hodgkin and his wife, Joan Miller are helping Gillian today at a booth at Shipley Nature Center.

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**Bluebird Recovery Program** now has a Facebook page: <http://www.Facebook.com/bluebirdrecovery>

**Susan Bolger** Moved, seconded by **Bob Franz** that the club send a contribution to Beekeeper (Roger Wells). **Jim Semelroth** said he seen an email from Roger stating he wanted any donations to go to the Bee association. **Earl Garrison** had already sent Wells a donation. Others wondered if it was wise to send money to private businesses. It is not known whether Wells has a bee business. It was decided to table the motion to do more research on this matter.

**Bob Franz** read an article about gopher snakes being a common predator to Bluebirds. He also mentioned a great web site for everything to know about Bluebirds: [www.sialis.org](http://www.sialis.org)

**Susan Bolger** and **Bill Wallace** mentioned the opportunity to volunteer for Love Fullerton on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Many churches are getting together to paint, clean up, plant, etc. and have a free lunch afterwards. It is their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual day of service. The web site is: [Lovefullerton.org](http://Lovefullerton.org)

**Bill Wallace** called for Trail Tales. There were several interesting tales.

**Jim Semelroth** showed a couple short videos. One showed us how bluebirds make their nest.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Respectfully submitted by

**Danette Davis**