

SCBC MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2015

Bob Franz opened the meeting at 9:00. He was substituting for Bill Wallace who was unable to attend the meeting. There were 37 in attendance. **Gillian Martin and Bob Keally** brought refreshments. There were several new comers. Danny Harrison introduced **Phil C. and Dave Southwood** from Laguna Woods. They are helping to remove, repair, and put up new boxes in Laguna Woods. **Sully Reallon** introduced Boy Scout Mitchel and his mother Julie. Mitchel is doing an Eagle Scout project making 20 bluebird boxes. **Sue Bulger** introduced **Natalia Doshi**. She is a CSUF grad student. She is doing her thesis on whether anthropogenic noise impacts bluebird reproduction. She is asking help from the club. If anyone has a trail that has high traffic noise level they can contact her at Natalia.doshi@csu.fullerton.edu

Treasurer Report by Jo-Ann Collier for CCI and SCBC:

SCBC: Income for November \$15.00. Expenses \$546.11. Net \$3866.69.

CCI: Expenses for November \$292.58. Net \$3707.50.

Combined Total: \$7574.19

CCI report for November 2015 by Gillian Martin

Gillian attended the **Partners in Community Forestry Conference in Denver, CO** in mid-November. The purpose of her participation was to present a program on the value of dead trees to urban forests as well as to identify organizations/partnerships that might facilitate the mission of the CCI. **Feedback after her presentation indicated that it was well received.**

The most promising partnership that emerged from the meeting was with a self-employed Portland certified arborist by the name of **Brian French** who has singlehandedly been promoting dead trees with his customers and working with Audubon in Portland to create wildlife habitat. Brian has also developed a training program for other arborists to educate them on how to convert dead trees into valuable habitats.

Just prior to the start of this conference she also attended the two-day **Continental Dialogue on Non-native Forest Insects and Diseases**. Gillian found both events highly informative. She also noted that there was **no mention of dead trees** as having value in urban forest planning. This was also true of the concept of pruning trees for the benefit of wildlife.

Gillian learned of the **opportunity to submit to the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council concepts and ideas for inclusion in its 10-year Action Plan, a project mandated by Congress**. She intends to do this. The first draft of the plan is now available for comment from all constituencies and Gillian found in that plan **a number of recommended actions that are relevant to dead trees, if those actions are more fully interpreted.**

These recommendations/action concepts support the validity of the current efforts of the CCI.

Katie Purvis showed the wood Christmas tree that she got from John Mahoney. He works for West Coast Arborist. He makes art out of logs with a chainsaw. The tree was amazing.

Desi Sieburth, from Pasadena Audubon made a presentation on dead and dying trees. He is only 13 years old. He got started in his passion to know about birds when he was in Scouts and made bluebird houses. He came to our meeting about two years ago and gave a presentation

about bluebirds. He is phenomenal: he is a researcher, a lecturer, a photographer, and an artist. He has a great future ahead of him.

It was voted on to order more labels for the bottom of the Bluebird boxes.

Larry Fulton is moving to Texas. He has trails in Chino Hills and Diamond Bar. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact the SCBC.

Respectfully Submitted by

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