

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUEBIRD CLUB

February 6, 2013

Bob Keally opened the meeting at 9:05 am. There were 49 people present. New comers were invited to introduce themselves: **Nadine and Steve Wardwell** from Mission Viejo are interested in taking a trail, **Jana and Doug Biedenweg** are from Palos Verdes, Jana is doing her Senior Project on Bluebirds and was at the meeting to get more **information and contacts**, **Steve Morgan and Coral Lamphire from Irvine**, **Dan Livermore, Dan Johanson, Lenore McCormick** from Mission Viejo, and **Portia W.** from Newport Heights.

Treasurer Report by JoAnn Coller: SCBC received \$88.00 in donations. Expenses were \$1,000.00 to CCI, \$23.64 sales tax, and \$216.00 printing. \$78.41 to reconcile to bank. Net \$2,733.97. **CCI** received \$1,000.00 from SCBC. Expenses were \$533.18 which included \$44.36 in sales tax. Net \$5,738.65. The club has a combined total of \$8,472.62.

Gillian Martin's CCI report for January 2016:

The petition to the National Urban Community Forestry Action Council was sent to several newly compiled mailing lists which collectively amounted to almost a thousand people and organizations. Endorsements representing thousands of stakeholders have been received. (Six Audubon Chapters, NABS and eight Bluebird Clubs among them.) Youngsters from Pasadena Audubon also contributed art work as a means of endorsement.

CCI funds were used to obtain membership in two organizations, ISA and WCISA. Apart from receiving their respective publications, these memberships provide her access to resources, conferences and training workshops all of which will help her in forming partnerships with the tree industry and in developing effective materials for them. As a result of this membership, Gillian will be attending an all day workshop in February on tree risk assessment.

100 flyers were provided to Sims Tree Care Specialists to distribute at an ISA conference in Texas in March, and at the ISA annual conference at Disneyland in June.

California Audubon has granted Laguna Hills Audubon a grant for about \$1300 to assist the CCI with programs and specified costs. Gillian assisted with the grant writing which was spearheaded by **Eva Lydick**. The grant allows for a snag survey of about seven OC Parks, the re-ordering and purchasing of certain items for the program and assistance with research and promotion. The survey will be conducted by LHAS volunteers with Gillian's assistance.

Gillian made a presentation at the OC Parks Quarterly meeting with **Stacy Blackwell**. She urged for finalization of the Wildlife Tree Policy and for signs for snags and requested that identified snags be added to the tree inventory of seven turf parks. The policy completion has lagged for three years. Stacy Blackwell assured Gillian that the policy was near completion and would probably be submitted to the Parks Commission in a couple of months. When the policy is officially approved, OC Parks would be ready to engage discussion about signage.

Casper's Park Adventures Day is on Saturday April 2. A SCBC volunteer is requested to provide assistance. Laguna Hills Audubon members may volunteer for some events.

Tree Care for Wildlife task force has made great advances thanks to the work of the Steering Committee. Gillian will give a full report at the club's March meeting.

Need new trail monitors: It was brought to the attention of the club that there are several trails that need new monitors: **Charles Meyer** at Hartwell Park, Lakewood Country Club (12), and Palos Verdes Golf Course (10). Randy Johnson at Aldrich Park at UCI (3). **Walter Josten** volunteered to take over Randy's trail. **Larry Fulton's** trail in Chino Hills (Diamond Bar area) (44), he has an aerial view of his boxes locations and graphs with information about each box. **Janel Paul** at the Tustin Ranch Golf Course (34).

Susan Bulger announced that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is presenting a small film festival (12 movies in two hours). The anchor film is about a citizen scientist in Idaho who managed 300 nest boxes. The Conservancy would like to have some of our members there. February 21st, 4 pm at the Redondo Union High School Auditorium 631 Vincent Park, Redondo Bch. \$10.00 advance or \$15 at the door) <http://pvplc.org/activities/events.asp>.

Susan Bulger announced the Love Fullerton Event is being scheduled again this year. It will also include Placentia, Brea, and La Habra. www.Lovefullerton.org April 30, 2016.

Susan Bulger spoke on safety and our boxes. Make sure your boxes are not over sidewalks, picnic tables, or areas where people play. If you are having concerns about bees you can call Susan or Dick Purvis. She suggested that backing used to make quilts can be cut and glued to the top of the inside of the box to deter bees. Hot shot can be put on the roof. She also reminded us to be careful when taking our boxes down and to put the box back in the same place if possible.

Bob Keally announced that he was prepared to repair boxes brought to the meeting. He also announced that we have more ID stickers available to put on the boxes. Last batch did not have strong enough glue. People recommended putting addition glue. This batch is supposed to have stronger glue.

Robert Siow, a Hopi Indian, brought four bluebird nesting boxes that he painted with Hopi Indian signs. The butterfly on the front represents his clan. On one side there are three stalks of corn in the three colors of corn that they grow. The other side had clouds representing water. He spoke to us about the **SOYAL** that he participated in. It is the New Year, Winter Solstice ceremony lasting eight days. A couple meetings ago he requested bluebird feathers for this ceremony. Part of the ceremony is to tie prayer feathers together. The four boxes he painted have been blessed. He requested that they be distributed to the four direction corners in Orange County. **Walter Josten** proposed that he buy the four boxes for \$100.00 and that one would go to **Dick Purvis** to honor his work with the Bluebirds. It was seconded. One was also given to **Tomas Darvis**, a young boy from Laguna Hills who is passionate about helping all animals, and has his own trail of nest boxes. He showed a picture on his phone of a woodpecker roosting in one of his boxes.

Natalia Doshi from CSUF spoke again about the research she was going to do this coming nesting season. She is working with several members, using their trails that are impacted by traffic noise. She is trying to find out if noise changes the way bluebirds nest and if it affects the successful fledging of their nestlings.

Jim Semelroth moved that we give \$200.00 to CSUF Biology to encourage and help students that are interested in studying bluebirds. **Bob Franz** seconded. It was passed by all present.

Cheri Miller showed a picture of a bluebird box filled to the top with acorns. She called **Gillian Martin** to ask what to do. **Gillian** told her to put the box back up.

Jim Semelroth spoke about the CBRP state wide data spreadsheet and coordination with Cornell University's data. He said it is being revised where our info can be added in a way that would be easy for us and useful to Cornell.

Walter Josten spoke about the "Birds in Art" show at the Fullerton Arboretum. Open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday 12pm to 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

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