

SCBC MEETING JUNE 6, 2015

Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 9:07. There were 4 new attendees: Jerry from El Dorado Audubon Society. He does weekend field trips. Helen is a trainee of Earl's in Laguna Woods. Ann, helps JoAnn Collier. **Eilygra Delaila** and daughter Megan came to tell about Megan's Silver Award project.

32 people present

REMINDER: No meeting in July.

Treasurer Report by JoAnn Collier

CCI: Income \$25.00, Expenses \$200.76, Net \$7939.83

SCBC: Donations \$131.90, Honorarium \$30.00, Income \$161.90, Reimbursements \$55.95, Bank Charge \$2.94, Expenses \$58.95, Net \$2,568.10

Total Net: \$10,507.93

Bob Keeley: James Ritchy, Eagle Scout project was accepted and he will report back to us.

Bill Wallace: Love Fullerton sponsored by churches and the Police Department. 3,000 volunteers worked on community projects. SCBC were able to enlist five volunteers to monitor boxes and some trails.

Update about possible donation to Bee Keeper. He was not a nonprofit and preferred not to get a donation.

It was voted on to donate \$100.00 to Vicky Anderson of Song Bird Care and Education in Fountain Valley.

Presentation: Girl Scout **Megan Delaila** received her Silver Award and reported to SCBC about her work. She wanted to improve Esplanade Trail. She had several ideas. She sent out 300 surveys, did 50 hours of research, and had two presentations. She has a bluebird box in her yard and a neighbor's yard.

Gillian Martin and Jim Semelroth spoke about the tree in Newport Beach that was torn down while many herons were actively nesting. All birds were disturbed and many died. A woman tried to stop the illegal destruction but was treated rudely and she was endangered from the falling limbs while she was trying to catch the falling babies. Four letters were handed out at the meeting to send to the different departments that could help bring charges to those responsible. Newport Beach Animal Control, Superintendent of Parks and Trees, Newport Beach City Manager, and Tim Greenleaf Engineering Co.

Gillian Martin: CCI report for May 2015

Urban Foresters CoOp meeting is set for July 16 at the Fullerton Arboretum. About 15 -20 are expected, representing all key entities involved in the management of trees for birds. West Coast Arborist, the CCI and Fullerton Arboretum are co-hosts. Sea and Sage Audubon, WCA and San Diego Urban Forest Council have agreed to cost share the fee for the meeting moderator. The CCI will cover the remaining \$250 of the fee.

Edison Grant was submitted. Gillian asked for \$3,588 to cover some basic as well as new costs for the youth program. Gillian thanked Jo-Ann for providing necessary fiscal documents.

Gillian, **Bob Hodgkin and Joan Miller** held a booth at **Shibley Nature Center**. It was very well received and Gillian has been asked to offer an evening program for Sibley visitors early in August.

Programs for Pasadena Sierra Club and Pomona Valley Audubon were offered this past month. Pomona Valley Audubon gave Gillian a very generous honorarium for \$250.

CCI stats to date this year:

Program message delivered to over 980 youth and 244 adults

31 Wildlife Tree Kits have been distributed

136 patches awarded to children

In order to continue offering programs in OC Parks, Gillian has been told that she must take the **OC Park volunteer training**. This has involved a basic day-long orientation, a first aid class and additional “training” by staff in each park in which she plans to offer programs. Gillian has begun this process.

The Arbor Foundation expressed a concern about the CCI’s Wildlife Tree City designation. Gillian agreed to change the title of it, but given the lack of interests from cities, she has decided not to pursue this effort for the time being. The Arbor Foundation has invited Gillian to make a very short presentation at their **2015 Partners in Community Forestry Conference in Denver in November**.

The next issue of Bluebird (the quarterly publication issued by NABS) will contain a substantive article authored by Gillian on bluebird sustainability. This represents a philosophical milestone for NABS.

The CCI received a designation as a Conservation Milestone from the American Birding Association. It was published in their 2015 Birder’s Guide to Conservation and Community. Programs like ours are spotlighted by the ABA in the hopes of inspiring other community groups to adopt similar programs in their regions.

Respectfully Submitted by
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