

SCBC MEETING NOTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 9:00 am. There were several new attendees: **Earl Garrison** introduced **Danny Hanson**. Danny has taken over a large trail in Laguna Village. He has removed 225 boxes and replaced 100. He has made a smaller version of the original boxes. He brought in a lifter that works for him and his volunteers when they need to place a box only about 9' up. **Dick Purvis** said he actually used the same design when he first started, but that he needed to put the boxes up higher in parks and cemeteries. **Emily Davis** introduced her father **Paul Davis**. Emily worked with **Bob Franz** on some of his trails. **Liz and Dick Henderson** from Aliso Viejo expressed a desire to have a trail. Also Honesto and Erlinda Buenaventura are interested in learning about taking on a trail.

Bill Wallace created and presented a book of pictures of bluebirds and members of **SCBC** to **Earl Garrison** to show our appreciation for all his support and work through the years. The book was passed around to the members to sign and write little notes. Earl was surprised and appreciative.

Bob Keally provided refreshments and **Bill Wallace** brought cookies.

Jo-Ann Collier's Treasurer report: was presented by **Danette Davis**.

SCBC: Income for September and October was \$165.00. Net Balance was \$4397.80

CCI: Income for September and October was \$2024.24. Expenses \$2100.00. Net Balance \$3900.08. Total income for Task Force \$3280.00. Total expense for Task Force \$3824.35. Net Cost for CCI \$544.35. Net combined total: \$8297.88

Gillian Martin's CCI report for September and October 2015

Gillian spent half a day touring The Tejon Ranch Conservancy in Lebec, CA. Public Access Manager, Scot Pipin provided a tour in his truck. Subsequently Scot was very interested in adding a program on dead trees to their educational programs so Gillian mailed him a kit and developed a number of photos taken at the ranch in such a way that he can create a slide show about the value of the dead trees on the ranch.

Earl Garrison used a section of a dead log to create a cavity inside in which he placed a Bewick's Wren's nest. The log is part of the current taxidermy display at Sea and Sage's Audubon House at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary where the theme is what people can do to help wildlife. This display is viewed by hundreds of visitors to the sanctuary. Earl's nest cavity will be returned to the SCBC when the display is changed early next year.

Gillian and Eva Lydick of Laguna Hills Audubon, collaborated in writing a grant to CA Audubon. The funds, if awarded, would go to the Audubon Chapter which would then use it to support the work of the CCI.

A program on woodpecker adaptations was presented to the Richard and Donna O'Neil Land Conservancy.

A program about owls was specifically designed for and presented to 150 4th graders at an elementary school in Ladera Ranch. It was offered in three consecutive sessions to

accommodate all five 4th grade classes. The program consisted of a 40 min. slide show followed by an opportunity for the kids to visit three tables with many things to see and play with. Sea and Sage Audubon kindly donated 5 taxidermy owl species and several owl wings, tails and talons for the kids to touch. Sea and Sage also paid for the purchase of an owl skull. Seven volunteers from two Audubon Chapters as well as the SCBC assisted Gillian for the day.

The work of the Pruning for Wildlife Task Force continues. A second meeting was held in Riverside at the Riverside Conservation Resource on October 30. The two most significant events that have occurred is that CA ReLeaf and the task force have officially formed an agreement with the CCI and WCA to handle the money for the task force. They sent a representative from Sacramento to the last meeting to explain to participants how reimbursements are handled as well as how they are to account for and report their donated hours. The second significant event is that the International Society of Arboriculture has made it very clear that they wish to participate in the writing of the BMPs and in the publication and distribution of them. Gillian expects to meet our key contact person of ISA at the upcoming National Conference of the Arbor Foundation in Denver.

Gillian attended the annual BBQ of WCA; a grand feast with a country Western theme which included chain saw wood carving demonstration. Gillian used the opportunity to tell the owner of WCA how much we appreciate their participation in the task force.

Floyd Sabins was presented with an Honorarium for his efforts in producing Bluebird Nest Boxes for use by the SCBC. He said he does about 70 a year. He is retired from Chevron and they have donated to the club \$1500.00.

Bill Wallace asked the members to participate at the Green Scene at the Fullerton Arboretum on April 16 and 17th, cost for the booth and canopy is \$160.00. It was agreed that we would be there again in 2016.

Sue Bulger with **Gillian Martin** produced a color brochure called *The Secret Life of Western Bluebirds* at a cost of \$1.50 per brochure.

Jim Semelroth reminded the members to put their nest box reports in the CBRP no later than December 1, 2015. The <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1haZZCx2HMn8zgyKJrMlnAbsLulcrQorvFi1vi3Wil/edit>

Emily Davis presented photos of Bluebirds in and near nest boxes after the breeding season.

Jim Semelroth went to Chapman University to check out their Hugh Howser collection. He was very impressed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Danette Davis

