

High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico

Minutes of Monthly Meeting – January 22, 2009

The Meeting was held at the Raymond D. Sanchez Community Center.

President Jennifer Catron opened the meeting at 7:15 pm. The meeting started late due to another activity in our usual meeting room.

There were sufficient members present for a quorum.

Executive Committee Reports

President:

The President made some opening remarks and discussed the evening's agenda.

The President also reported on the status of the club's 501(c)(3) application. The IRS has reviewed the application and has asked for more information. Jennifer will provide a response.

HDBC business cards are available.

Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue DVD has been donated to the club library.

Our plan to build birdhouses for Bernalillo Open Space cannot be done in the meeting room. It will also require more time than is available at the regular meeting, ca. 4 hr. It was suggested that we do it on 21 Feb from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We can use facilities at the community center; members should bring power drills and hand tools. This will not replace the regular Feb. meeting. [Date was later adjusted to 28 Feb.]

The President led discussion of several points related to the HDBC 2009 Bird Expo:

The tentative date is June 20.

A committee has been formed to organize the event. It will meet in Feb. at the Community Center.

Vice President: We will have a movie night at the June meeting.

Secretary: The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Anni Hovanec provided a written treasurer's report showing a balance of \$489.50. Members were reminded that 2009 dues payments are due.

Committee Reports:

Publicity: Will try to set up an interview with someone from the Albuquerque Journal

AFA: Betty needs to confirm her AFA membership in order to be the club AFA representative.

Adoption: Lisa prepared adoption forms for use by the club. These include the adoption application, a surrender form and the donation form. Lisa also noted that the hotline phone would cost \$40/mo.

Hospitality: Thanks to the members for providing goodies.

Education: Plans are still being worked on.

Raffle: We need to maintain a list of donors and thank them in the Birdy Bytes.

Membership: no report.

Newsletter – no report.

Website: We need to get the by-laws onto the website. There is wi-fi at the Center and we can use this to demo the site.

Business

Anna and Andrew Sloan were introduced to the club. They operate Macaw and Cockatoo Rescue of NM.

Budget: The president provided a draft budget. The items were reviewed for the membership. The budget was unanimously approved.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. followed by a presentation on conures from Sandi Brennan.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph W. Hovanec, Secy.