

## **High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting – February 26, 2009

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

President Jennifer Catron opened the meeting at 7:25 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 not yet responded with a decision on our application.

The President initiated a discussion of our meeting time. The exercise class makes it difficult to get started in our regular meeting room at 7 pm. No other suitable room is available at the Community Center and our meeting room is not available on any other day. It was moved, seconded and approved that we begin the monthly meetings in the smaller computer room at 6:30 pm where we will conduct routine business. We will then move to the larger room when it becomes vacant. At that point, we will conduct any special business and then have the meeting activity.

The President reminded the members that bird house construction for the Bernalillo Open Space will take place on Feb. 28 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Community Center.

The President provided an update on the Expo. It all hinges on our getting the 501(c)(3) by the end of March. The Expo committee is working the details and will meet again on Feb. 28.

Vice President: Birdy Bingo will be held next month. Cost will be \$5 for six games. There will not be a raffle at the March meeting.

Secretary: The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Anni Hovanec provided a written treasurer's report showing a balance of \$897.50. Members were reminded that 2009 dues payments are due.

### **Committee Reports:**

Publicity: It was thought that we might participate in the Albuquerque Pet-a-Palooza but the cost of a booth is too high.

AFA: Betty Hall commented on the Watchbird raffle and had copies of the raffle tickets. As affiliates of AFA, we have received some CD's which may be used at upcoming meetings.

Library: Joe Hovanec will assist Betty hall in getting the library contents on the website and allow members to request items by e-mail. This will eliminate the need to lug the entire library to each meeting.

Adoption: no report

Hospitality: Thanks to the members for providing goodies.

Education: Work on a Birdy Basics handout is ongoing.

Raffle: The table has had some very good prizes. Thanks to all the members and they are urged to keep up the good work.

Membership: no report.

Newsletter – Ads and content must be submitted 10 days prior to the meeting. Ads policy was clarified to meet 501(c)(3) requirements. The President and Editor will maintain a list of sponsors who have earned ad space. Members may have text-only classified ads. Free member text classifieds must be renewed each month by e-mail, phone or snail-mail.

Website: Aaron will give a demo of the website in the near future.

### **Business**

Anna and Andrew Sloan need support for their rescue operation. All donations gratefully accepted.

“Lido” the Goffins cockatoo is ready for adoption.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph W. Hovanec, Secy.