

**23 September 2016 [Approved 08112017 during Business Mtg in Icelan]**

**The Waterbird Society – New Bern, NC**

**Business meeting— call to order at 4:31 pm**

- Erica Nol called the meeting to order.
- Remembrance for Jeremy Hatch, Luc Hoffman, and Hugh Boyd; Susan Elbin
- Motion to approve the minutes from Bar Harbor, ME business meeting. Joanna Burger moved and Pat Baird seconded, Motion PASSED
- Motion to approve the Agenda. Joanna Burger moved and Peter Frederick seconded, Motion PASSED
- Erica Nol introduced the officers, council, and welcomed the general membership. Erica welcomed the newly elected Council members and also thanked the outgoing council members for their service.
- Sara Schweitzer gave a report on the New Bern meeting and thanked the local committee for all of their hard work. She acknowledged the local families who provided accommodations for the International Heron Symposium delegates and made donations to the silent auction.
- Patty Szczys presented a summary review of Council Meeting and Council actions during the year.
- Clay Green gave an overview of the scientific program for the New Bern meeting.
- Stephanie Jones presented the Editor's Report and asked for thoughts about putting together a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Edition.
- Dave Moore reported for the Grants Committee, acknowledging the Donors and reported the 2016 awards.
- Liz Craig reported the formation of a new committee on Diversity.
- Brian Palestis reported membership trends are stable at ~550. He also discussed membership renewal procedures for the coming year.
- Chris Custer presented Treasurer's Report and Finance Report including the status of the society's endowments. Brief discussion and solicitation of ideas and attention towards special projects.
- Chip Weseloh presented a general overview of the Future Meetings Committee report.
- Sigga Hronn Gunnarsdottir showed promotional video about Iceland and gave an overview of plans for the 2017 meeting.
- Pat Baird gave an overview of the planning for the 2018 meeting during IOC in Vancouver, Canada. She solicited volunteers for helping to plan a Waterbirds "meeting within a meeting"
- Motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Spendelow moved and Gail Fraser seconded. Motion PASSED
- Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted

P. Szczys, Secretary 10 August 2017