

15 August 2015

The Waterbird Society – Bar Harbor, Maine

Business meeting— call to order at 3:23 pm

- Susan Elbin called the meeting to order.
- Moment of silence for Ruth Beck and Alan Johnson
 - Pat Baird read the biography of Ruth Beck
 - Susan Elbin read the biography of Alan Johnson
- Motion to approve the minutes from La Paz, Baja California business meeting. Joanna Burger moved and Chip Weseloh seconded, Motion PASSED
- Motion to approve the Agenda. Elizabeth Craig moved and Jeff Spendelow seconded, Motion PASSED
- Susan Elbin introduced the officers, council, and welcomed the general membership. Susan also thanked the outgoing council members for their service.
- Chip Weseloh announced the election results: Jim Fraser, Sandra Bowhuis and Juliet Lamb elected to council, Patty Szczys elected as Secretary and Clay Green elected as Vice President/President-Elect.
- Kate Shlepr gave a report on the Bar Harbor meeting and thanked the local committee for all of their hard work.
- Erica Nol gave an overview of the scientific program for the Bar Harbor meeting.
- Clay Green presented a review of Council Meeting including the Editor's report and summary of the committee reports.
- Chris Custer presented Treasurer's Report and Finance Report including the status of the society's endowments (for Jennifer Stucker). Brief discussion and solicitation of ideas and attention towards special projects.
- Susan Elbin asked for members to think of ways to make Business meeting better attended during our Annual Meetings.
- Chip Weseloh presented Future Meetings Committee report including 2016 meeting in New Bern, North Carolina and 2017 meeting in Iceland.
- Sara Schweitzer showed promotional video about New Bern, North Carolina and gave an overview for the 2016 meeting.
- Susan Elbin and Joanna Burger discussed ideas for celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Waterbird Society in New Bern. Susan Elbin and Joanna Burger will develop ideas on ways to celebrate.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting. Joanna Burger moved and Elizabeth Craig seconded. Motion PASSED
- Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm