2014 Secretary’s Report—Waterbird Society

Annual mailing. In 2013, the council voted to approve electronic voting as our primary means for voting from the general membership for our annual election. In July 2014, OSNA sent out the electronic ballots (officers, councilors, and Bylaw changes) to the membership and votes are due back by September 24, 2014. Members that did not have an active e-mail address or had their e-mail bounced back to OSNA were sent paper ballots.

Council Votes.
There were 5 motions put forth since the last Executive Council meeting in Wilhelmshaven. The following motions were voted upon (results included).

Motion 1. Motion to spend $495 to purchase a new credit card terminal that will meet DSS and PCI standards.
Date: 08 January 2014
Motion by Chris Custer, Seconded by Clay Green
Motion Passed 14 yea, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 2 no response

Motion 2. To fund the proposed Archiving Project as put forth by John Anderson
Date: 17 January 2014
Motion by Brian Palestis, Seconded by Chip Weseloh
Motion Passed 13 yea, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 3 no response

Motion 3. I move that the Wilhelmshaven meeting profits be put towards a down payment on the special gull issues that John Anderson and Stefan Garthe will currently organizing.
Date: 15 February 2014
Motion by Chris Custer, Seconded by Clay Green
Motion Passed 13 yea, 1 nays, 1 abstain, 1 no response

Motion 4. Motion to submit the attached letter (drafted by the Conservation Committee) in response to the USACE DEIS proposed management plan, to cull more than 50 percent of the population of Double-crested Cormorants at East Sand Island for a potential increase in juvenile salmonid survival of 1-4 percent.
Date: 17 August 2014
Motion by John Brzorad, Seconded by Jonathan Cohen
Motion Passed 16 yea, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 0 no response

Motion 5. to accept the proposal from Sara Schweitzer for our main 2016 annual meeting and conference in New Bern, NC.
Date: 02 October 2014
Motion by Chip Weseloh, Seconded by Clay Green
Motion Passed 16 yea, 0 nays, 0 abstain, 0 no response

Respectfully submitted,
M. Clay Green, Secretary
20 October 2014