

Texas Ornithological Society Board Meeting January 8, 2023

President Byron Stone called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2023 budget. Present at today's Zoom call meeting were Frances Cerbins, John Berner, Christine Turnbull, Susan Foster, Laura Wilson, Kendra Kocab, Romey Swanson, Byron Stone, Judy Kestner, Clay Taylor and Randy Pinkston. Lorrie Mathers joined the meeting. Board members made introductions to Lorrie.

John Berner presented the budget draft for discussion and amendment for 2023. He started with the 2022 numbers and then made changes where warranted. We went over each line item and suggested possible changes to numbers.

Byron Stone suggested reducing the number of the Shepler Art Auction line item since we will not be doing an auction this year.

Sales Revenue: Byron Stone thinks this number possibly will go up since pandemic response is getting better, and people again are attending functions in person.

Extended Field Trips: Last year's Panama trip netted TOS approximately \$10,000. This year's Panama trip will be August 26-Sept 4, 2023, and will be led by Susan Foster. Susan will get flyers made and announce the trip at the winter meeting in Abilene this week. Price per person is \$3,395. Registration will open soon. TOS members can contact Susan for more information. Randy Pinkston moved to approve this year's Panama trip. Seconded by Susan Foster. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. Clay's Costa Rica trips are for 2024. We are hoping to do at least two trips this year.

Collections from sanctuaries. These numbers should stay the same. TOS has not given out money for awards and grants in some time except for the Great Texas Birding Classic, which is the amount shown on the proposed budget.

Legal fees: Magic Ridge numbers may increase. The house has not been moved still, and it may take legal action to get it done. Also, we need to do a big clean up there.

We hope to have Golden Triangle's help with Sabine Woods expenses, and possibly we can fundraise to pay some of this.

The TOS board retreat will be held in the Davis Mountains again this year. The dates are August 11-12. We will meet with a facilitator regarding moving from an all-volunteer organization to hiring staff.

Judy Kestner asked if the cost of the website redesign needs to be added to the budget. John Berner paid some of that this year and will add this to the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m