

TAS Board of Directors' Ad Hoc Meeting  
Re: Future of Topeka Audubon Society  
Monday, July 16, 2007 @ 7:00 PM  
3440 NW Button Rd – Janeen Walters' Lab  
Topeka, Ks.

Joe Kun called the meeting to order at about 7:00 PM. Besides the outgoing Board President, Joe Kun, the following Directors' were present: Glen Caspers, Carol Morgan, Patsy Rush, Gary Haden and Joanna Lacoursiere. Field Trip Leader, Dan Gish was also present. Absent were Janeen Walters, Rhonda Simpson and Diane Llamas.

Attending members unanimously decided to continue as a Board to promote the continuance of Topeka Audubon Society. Board president, Joe Kun has resigned as of this date and Gary Haden, Committee Chair for the Christmas Bird Count, will resign in April of '08.

With the above in mind, many changes and modifications were proposed to make the future functioning of TAS more feasible: Some of the changes, such as proposed new Board members and changes with slate of Officers will be temporary pending members vote at the Annual meeting in April of '08. Changes proposed thus far are as follows:

Members will recruit new Board members to be reported at the TAS Board meeting 8/08/08 for temporary placement on the Board. A new slate of Officer Responsibilities is the following: Glen Caspers will serve as President and Treasurer. He has also proposed a new design and assumed duties for the TAS website. Carol Morgan has volunteered for the positions of Newsletter and Executive Secretary. Joanna Lacoursiere will hold the position of recording Secretary vacated by Melody Pollum. Janeen Walters will serve again as Program chair and Vice President. (This needs to be confirmed since Janeen was not present). Dan Gish has generously offered to chair Field Trips for the next year and Gary will chair the Christmas Bird Count again this year.

Board meetings will be held quarterly in the next year and newsletters will also be sent quarterly with the option for electronic newsletter by member request. These changes are thought to save expense as well as to increase efficiency. Also, a post office box will be obtained downtown for easier access to several board members as needed.

Glen suggested and other Board members agreed that TAS could benefit by a generic email address for the organization through the website host.

Glen presented the '07 budget and the proposed '08 budget. To cut expenses, it was proposed and agreed upon to cut TAS donation to Stone Nature Center. A new, less expensive site will house archival materials stored there. Continued maintenance of the Audubon Sanctuary may become too costly with the new handicap requirements for restroom use. It was noted also that the sanctuary gets little use. Carol

will be responding to the Army Corps of Engineers in regard to an inspection survey that was conducted on June 11, 2007. Other budget concerns and the budget for '08 as a whole will be discussed at the 8/8/07 meeting.

A concern re: TAS's lack of activity with environmental issues was addressed with the suggestion that TAS partner with Sierra Club around Programs to voice mutual interests. Another benefit could be a mutual merging of program to save a lot of duplication by both organizations.

As there was no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

The next TAS Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The location has yet to be confirmed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna D. Lacoursiere