

Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation

Board of Directors Meeting

14 August 2025

Attendees – Abi Butler, Ted Geers, Mike Dobbs, Andy Candor, Jennifer Moore, Mark Watts, Jacob Hardy. Lou Weber was unable to attend.

1. Welcome & Opening remarks. Abi stressed the need to stay focused and professional.
2. Approval of July Minutes. The minutes for July were not available. The July and August minutes will be review at the next meeting.
3. Construction of a new ed bird habitat for Jefferson, and constraints.

Abi had a discussion with Bob, who emphasized the need to proceed carefully and thoughtfully. The board had a handout from Mike on his findings from review of the 2018/2019 planning documents. The board had a handout from Mark illustrating the flood plain. It was agreed that there is room.

Mike noted the constraints on what the building department classifies as 'temporary building', which is how the ed bird habitats are defined. Mike noted that the habitats were designed and build best in class materials.

Mark brought out a sketch of a large building which was prepared by Kim/Gigi. A long discussion ensued about design, permits, professional contractors, etc. The board agreed to defer discussion of a permanent building until a later date.

Mike noted that flighted birds such as a peregrine require dedicated handlers, and also noted that not all species of raptors are suitable for confinement.

The board agreed to separate the question of new habitat for Jefferson from the acquisition of a peregrine falcon.

Motion – A motion was made to approve the planning and construction of an ed bird habitat for Jefferson; with a budget not to exceed \$25,000. The motion was seconded, and passed

4. Give A Hoot 2025

Mark provided details on the catering; 200 people (150 invitees & 50 volunteers); caterer needs final count 2 weeks in advance. Mark provided details on items, bid

sheets, minimum bids, etc. Tables, covering, flatware, etc will need to be rented. The folks at A Party Apart was suggested.

There will be a silent and live auction. The silent auction will be done in 1 stage and will closed at 7:30, and the live auction will start immediately at 7:30.

Mark will contact Peace Montessori to find out if the remote parking lot has lighting, and if the pathway as lighting.

Gigi reported that birds and handlers are lined up. The birds will arrive 5:30 and depart at 7:30.

The board had a handout from Mike on the checkin/checkout process. Mike provided a hardcopy of the VIP Pass. It was agreed that we will have 3 people to assist with checkout; and that the purchase 2 kiosks to facilitate checkout as approved. Mike will generate a separate QR code for the Jefferson photo opportunity.

The van will be on-site to transport people from the school parking lot to the remote parking lot.

Abi requested that we secure event insurance, and Mike will arrange that.

5. Video Projects with Lana.

Lana has just provided a list of equipment, which will be ordered by Mike. We will provide Lana a “permitted” volunteer as an escort if she needs to be on-site outside of the hours that Gigi works.

6. Mark mentioned other suggestions from volunteers, which will be addressed at another meeting.
7. Abi will e-mail potential dates for a Sept. board meeting prior to Give a Hoot.