

June 5, 2024

Minutes of the Soarin Hawk, Board of Directors

Attendees – M. Dobbs, B Walton, L Weber, A Butler, J Hardy, M Watts, A. Candor, J. Moore.

Absent - T Geers

Secretary Report – prior month minutes accepted as published.

Treasurers Report (Mike) – We discussed Darling Family Foundation’s recent \$100,000 gift. Abi is reaching out to Ms. Darling to show gratitude and tell her how we are spending the money (recognizing our volunteers, medical equipment for ICU, perhaps larger mews, etc.). Overall, this is low time of year for donations and high time for expenses. Mike recently installed a cell phone signal repeater, and replaced the Raptor Med Server, and is addressing the repair needed for our rescue phone line. He’s also uploaded better software for intakes. We are now paying rescue volunteers (recently \$450 distributed) \$25 per call. Rescuers now have badges. We’ve also acquired another CD that makes 5% interest. **The Finance Committee (Mark, Andy, Mike) will be meeting to talk about a plan for equity options.**

Education Report (Jennifer) – In the past, the home school program was four weeks long, but that was too much to sustain. Currently, Jennifer is reaching out to home school groups via Facebook. One time presentations now consist of Jennifer doing 20-30 minutes of Build a Raptor, plus the group visits with 2-3 live birds, then students do pellet dissections on their own. Jennifer proposes that we increase the price to \$250 per session. Jennifer also proposes that we try to commit a couple of volunteers to the home school programs. Gigi and Ann have been doing most of the presentations. **Jennifer will talk with Gigi about this.** The Raptor Adventure price is not on the website. It should be \$25/person up to 8 people.

Avian Report (Bob) – Taken in 65 birds this year. Throughput is approximately 9 days per bird. A total of 71 presentations is scheduled for rest of year. June, and almost all of July are at capacity for presentations. 4096 have been in audiences. It’s baby season. Houdini raised one baby and other owls fostered other babies. Libraries have been a major source of presentations and are on a two year rotation. **Board would like to meet with volunteer representatives during our meeting in October. Mark and Jacob would like to be handlers and need training.**

Peregrine Chicks - Peregrine chicks have been banded and are flying, although the chick named Tom was found dead on Calhoun St. after the meeting.

Next Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for July 31. **Abi will notify her staff.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lou Weber