

Southern California Bluebird Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 2, 2008
8:30 AM

I. Call to order

The monthly meeting of the *Southern California Bluebird Club* was called to order on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at *The Lakewood Country Club*, 3101 Carson Street, Lakewood, CA 90712.

II. Members Present

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| Dick & Katie Purvis | Howard Rathlesberger |
| Charles Meyer | Jean Casselman |
| Mike Spohn | Larry & Kathy Briggs |
| Sully Reallon | Mike & Launa Gould |
| Bob Franz | Bill & Inge Wallace |
| Mary Brockmeyer | Earl Garrison |
| Susan Bulger | David & Nancy Hill |

III. Welcome New Members

Dave Snyder, Superintendent of the Lakewood Country Club was kind enough to provide us today's meeting facility. Dave has managed golf courses for more than twenty years. Dave introduced himself to the members and briefed us on the trail being put in place at the course.

New members at the meeting were Jean Casselman, Mary Bockmeyer, Larry and Kathy Briggs, and David and Nancy Hill. Dave and Nancy drove all the way down from Santa Barbara!

IV. California Bluebird Recovery Program (CBRP)

Mike Spohn advised he is working on the Spring 2007 Bluebirds Fly! newsletter and is interested in collecting articles from interested writers. The newsletter will be sent to the printer in early March.

There was discussion about approaching CRBR for club funding. Mike Spohn said he would like to obtain funds to purchase a computer projector so we can give presentations to local community organizations.

Dick Purvis said we could also use funds to purchase magnetic vehicle signs to place on our vehicles and golf carts at golf courses.

V. Non-Profit Status

Mike Spohn advised we will be a non-profit organization through the IHC before the next meeting.

VI. Golf Course Project

Dick Purvis gave an update on the Golf Course program. Charles Meyer will be monitoring the trail at Lakewood Country Club.

Dave Snyder volunteered to assist us in networking with other golf course superintendents since he is well-connected in the golf course community.

VII. “Hands-On” Presentation

Susan Bulger introduced to the members an invention she came up with to deter mice and rats from using nestboxes. She showed a small sack made of shade cloth that she fills with a couple of moth balls and tacks to the back of the box. It is still in experimental phase, but she believes it is a good deterrent for small predators and does not seem to impact the bluebirds.

Earl Garrison bought a plastic baggie of mealworms and advised the members on how to start and care for a mealworm colony.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Californian Bluebird Club will be Saturday, March 8, 2008. Same Location (Lakewood Country Club). See web site for directions.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Michael G. Spohn