

Southern California Bluebird Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 4, 2007
8:30 AM

I. Call to order

The monthly meeting of the Southern Californian Bluebird Club was called to order on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at *It's a Grind Coffee Shop*, 24801 Alicia Pkwy #C, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

II. Members Present

Dick Purvis	Earl Garrison
Bob Franz	Mike & Launa Gould
Linda Violet	Susan Bulger
Sully Reallon	Mike Spohn
Clara Foulger	Jim Ashley
Richard Moore	Al Moreno
Bea Grow	Lynn Cherry

III. California Bluebird Recovery Program (CBRP)

Mike Spohn updated the membership of the progress Dick Blaine has made with the CBRP.

- The Spring 2007 newsletter has been mailed and everyone should have received their copy.
- The cbrp.org internet domain name became available and we were able to obtain it. You can now get to the CBRP web site at www.cbrp.org.
- Dick Blaine is working on the below priorities for 2007:
 1. Recruit county coordinators.
 2. Provide on-line entry of nestbox statistics.
 3. Establish partnerships with the county Audubon societies.
 4. Provide CA nestbox statistics to Cornell's TBN. (The Bluebird Network)
- Mike Spohn is the new editor of the Bluebirds Fly newsletter. Special thanks to Patsy Kahl for the great work she did on the newsletter over the past years.

IV. Sea & Sage Audubon Society

Dick Purvis advised he was 'bumped' from the *Sea & Sage Audubon Society of Orange County* agenda in February. He is on the agenda for the March 13, 2007 meeting. The goal is to get to *Sea & Sage* to 'adopt' our club by creating a bluebird subcommittee. Dick said the advantages to our group include the use of their non-profit status, liability insurance coverage, the use of their resources for mailing newsletters, the use of their facilities, and the collaboration of their membership with our efforts.

V. Club Communications

Mike Spohn updated the membership the on our communications initiatives.

E-Mail List Server

The e-mail list server is in place and we currently have 74 list members. It is important to remember we must have permission to add people to the list. If you sign up on the web site, you will receive a confirming e-mail. You *must* click in the confirmation link to be added to the list.

Consolidation of Monitor Lists

All of the names on our known monitor lists have been entered into a database. About 1/3 of the monitors do not have e-mail addresses. We will send out postcards via snail-mail to these monitors and advise them of our efforts.

Web-Site Updates

The web site is updated weekly so be sure to visit the *What's New* page and the Blog. A new section was added to the *How-To* page that contains nestbox plans.

New Publications

We are working on more publications including nestbox monitoring How-To's and predator issues.

VI. Recent Events

The City of Mission Viejo is very supportive of our efforts. Mickey Romero has agreed to allow us to use their facilities for meetings and has requested that we provide him a 'stock' of nestboxes for use by the Boy Scouts and other community groups.

The City of San Clemente is a strong supporter of our efforts. We have placed 24 boxes throughout the city's parks and golf course.

Sully Reallon was featured in a San Clemente newspaper on March 1, 2007. It was a terrific article about our club and was the feature article on page 1.

There was a discussion about our efforts to support Boy Scout Troops and how to make sure the boxes they build are adequate and that they are monitored. Many good suggestions we suggested,

Carol Killebrew of San Diego County was shipped two Purvis boxes in February to try out. She is very excited about the idea of using hanging boxes in San Diego County and will report back on her success.

VII. Nestbox Activity

The members were polled about current nestbox activity. Linda Violet has a full nest including eggs in Yorba Linda. Congratulations to Linda for the first eggs of the 2007 season! Earl Garrison is right behind Linda with several recent and complete nests in Lake Forest.

VIII. Recruiting

We are always recruiting new members, particularly people willing to monitor trails. Several members are working on the creation of a new-member kit that will provide everything a new member needs to get started.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Californian Bluebird Club will be Saturday, April 7, 2007, at *It's a Grind Coffee Shop*, 24801 Alicia Pkwy #C, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Michael G. Spohn