Thunder Bay Audubon Society Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2018

15 people were present at the 19th Hole in Alpena. David Melville was a guest. Sandy and Larry McLennan and MaryKay and Bob Lee were welcomed as new members. President Karen Tetzlaff opened the meeting at 12:15.

Bird sightings in the area - Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Siskins, Goldfinches, Redpolls, Purple Finch and Rough-legged Hawks. Karen Tetzlaff saw a Snowy Owl on Dec 20 by the Yacht Club. Also mentioned owl sightings on Kittle Road west of M-33 and harbor at Harrisville. Two female Golden Eyes were spotted by Judy Kalmanek and many eagles have been spotted.

Peggy Ridgway of AuSable Valley Audubon is looking for info on Pine Siskens. Pam Manning of Thunder Bay Arts Council is looking for bird photos. She prefers to paint bird pictures from actual photos if she can find them.

Motion to approve minutes of October 23, 2017 as posted was made by Judy Kalmanek and seconded by Lynn Field. All approved.

Treasurer report was presented by Steve Wagner. Steve presented donation report which was reviewed. (See attached) Chuck Tetzlaff made motion to accept report with changes, Betsey Hale seconded. All approved.

Christmas Bird Count Report – Karen relayed a thank you from Bill Grigg (compiler) who could not attend the meeting. The 2016 and 2017 Hubbard Lake and Alpena data is on the back of the president’s annual letter, which folks should have received in the mail 3with the new event brochure. Participants said the slightly changed maps worked well. Bill suggested we give a one year free membership to new counters that are not current members. Everyone agreed.

Donations in honor of Linda Klemens were discussed. Alcona Historical Society has some donations also. Craig Klemens will discuss options with his family so we are able to do what the family would like as well as, doing something lasting. Tree and native plants at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse still seem a good option. Craig will check into logistics because that is run by the DNR and will need to follow guidelines.

The Birds of Island Park brochure will be updated by a committee of Lynn Field, Betsy Hale, Judy Kalmanek, Bill Grigg. Related suggestion from Bill: TBAS might want to do an early June beginner birding event on Island Park. Everyone agreed. Judy thought we might be able to do a River Rat Program (5-10 year old summer event) on birds in an effort to get kids interested in birding. She will get back to us.

Great Backyard Bird Count info (Feb. 16-19) can be found at http://gbbc.birdcount.org

Karen suggested that a committee be formed to review the bylaws as they have not been changed in many years. Some items are not relevant now. Committee: Steve Wagner, Marilyn Ross, Lynn Field, Karen Tetzlaff.

Judy Kalmanek made motion to adjourn seconded by Betsy Hale. Meeting closed at 1:50

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Ross, Secretary