TBAS Minutes 11/28/18

Twelve members were present

Bird sightings- Karen Tetzlaff had a Blue Heron in her area until late November. Roger Witherbee-3 eagles and otters watching each other. Lynn Field still had starlings. Sunday Wagner saw many birds such as woodpeckers, chickadees, just the usual ones at home, but none noteworthy on their trip to Europe. A white-winged scooter was spotted by the break wall by Yacht Club.

Judy Kalmanek moved to accept secretary report as posted. Elizabeth Littler seconded, approved.

Executive Committee’s goals for 2019 were presented by President Karen Tetzlaff. Club will add more events geared toward new members, continue Min Hunt project, add more birding trips, and keep our finances stable.

Treasure Steve Wagner handed out some budget information. (See attached) As a few changes will be made, Steve will revise the 2019 budget for a vote at next meeting. Money from the gas well at Fletcher Pond is dwindling each year so club should be aware of receiving less money. Steve will talk to bank to see if we can get a better rate on our CD's. One CD will expire on 12/8/18. Judy Kalmanek made a motion to put $5000 back into long term CD with the remaining money from the expired CD to go into checking or savings. Lynn Field seconded, passed.

Changing structure of dues was discussed. Chuck Tetzlaff made motion to have dues be $10 for individual, $15 for family. Life membership increased to $200. Life membership will be discontinued as of January 1, 2020. Lynn Field seconded. Motion passed. Current life members will be grandfathered in even as life memberships come to an end.

Events for 2019 were discussed (see attached) Note that several programs will be advertised to get additional interest in birding.

Per a motion at the October meeting, Huron Pines proposal concerning Min Hunt from Brad Jensen was presented to the group. After much discussion, it was decided Huron Pines is still a good fit for honoring the vision we have for that property and the original owner’s intent. Roger Witherbee moved that TBAS request a donation agreement and management plan and land use reservations from Huron Pines. It was seconded by Lynn Field and unanimously approved.

On the subject of sharing emails of members, it was decided that anything could be forwarded to Karen Tetzlaff and she will send it out.

We are looking for feeder and field counters for the Christmas Bird Count in Alpena on December 15 and Hubbard Lake on December 20. Contact Karen (989-340-0129) if you are available.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Ross