*Thunder Bay Audubon Society thunderbayaudubonsociety.com*

*January 21, 2014*

Twelve members gathered at The Fresh Palate Conference Room in Alpena. President Linda Klemens called the meeting to order at 11:45.

Recent bird sightings were shared: Lynn Field – unconfirmed wren on Werth Rd, Linda and Craig Klemens- 45 Goldfinches & 3 Purple Finches, Karen Tetzlaff- 6 Purple Finches with 25 Gold Finches, Judy Kalmanek- Pileated Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, Coot, Ted & Chris Fines- Red Shoulder Hawk near Black River Road & F41.

No corrections to the November minutes.

Craig Klemens gave the treasurer’s report. $314 in memorial checking, $288.82 in general checking, $3400 in First Federal CD and $10,500 in Alpena Bank CD.

Discussion on the Huron Pines Crowdrise, a fundraising project to insure the Kirkland’s Warbler’s survival despite being taken off the endangered list. Roger Witherbee moved we donate $150 to Crowdrise. Seconed by Chuck Tetzlaff. Approved unanimously. This will probably be an annual donation.

Bill Grigg commended TBAS for stepping up and supporting many conservation groups by giving annual donations.

*Christmas Bird Counts* Linda reported 50 species at the Hubbard Lake count including American Tree Sparrow and Red-headed Woodpecker. Bill Grigg reported 43 species at the Alpena count. Part of the reason for the lower numbers was the terrible weather. The complete count list can be found at our website under the CBC tab. http:thunderbayaudubonsociety.com

Last month, we neglected to give a donation to the National Audubon Society. They no longer require a fee for each counter, but still have expenses to meet. Ted Fines moved we donate $125. Seconded by Judy Kalmanek. Approved unanimously.

Linda asked about allocating some money to the Wildlife Recovery Program to cover the cost of their presentation in April. Lynn Field moved we give them $200. Seconded by Roger Witherbee. Approved unamimously.

 For many years, Bob Preston was in charge of the North American Migration Count for our area. Bob passed away on January 17, 2014. (TBAS will send a card of condolence to his family.) Bill Grigg will take charge of the count with electronic submissions. Linda will ask his daughter for Bob’s files so Bill can use same participants.

Program events were discussed for 2014. **Coordinators, please get the missing information to Karen ASAP**. The website will be updated and program brochures will be printed by the end of February. The following is the revised schedule:

January 21 – 11:30

Center Building, Downtown Alpena

General Membership Meeting: Election of officers & finalize events for 2014

March 4 – 7:00

Alpena County Library

Bird-Art Show & Tell. Bring printed photos or flash drive (Please limit 10/person)

Coordinator: Lynn Field, 356-3745

April 29 – 7:00

Place TBA

Presentation by Joe Rogers of Wildlife Recovery. Topic - Raptors

Coordinator: Linda Klemens,989-727-4703

May 10

North American Migration Count – Alpena County census for field and feeder counters. Electronic forms only.

Coordinator: Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com

May 15-18

Tawas Birding Festival & Michigan

Audubon Society Annual Meeting

For more info, see http://tawasbirdfest.com

May 25 – 10:00

Purple Martin Mania. Meet at trailhead of Thompson’s Harbor State Park for nature walk.

Lunch at Purple Martin Inn in Rogers City.

Coordinator: Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com

June 17 – 5:30 dinner, 7:00 program

Besser Museum

Rosann Kovalcik, Wild Birds Unlimited

 Reservations by June 12: Chris & Ted Fines, 989-335-4500

July TBA

Fletcher Pond Pontoon Tour with Sergej Postupalsky. Limited space available. 2 days, 1 lunch at 1:00, 1 dinner at 6:00. $12 plus meal.

Reservations: Linda Klemens, 989-727-4703

August 19

Carpools leave Duck Park at 9:30 for Min-Hunt Nature Preserve-Shubert Hwy. Brown bag lunch

Coordinator: Karen Tetzlaff 595-3585

Phragmites Treatment TBA

Coordinator: Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com

September 16

Carpools leave Chippewa Point at 8:30 for tour of Alcona County’s birding sites (new route). Lunch in Harrisville.

Coordinator: Craig Klemens, 989-727-4703

October 9

Carpools leave Chippewa Point at 4:00 for Sandhill Crane Viewing – Ogemaw County. Stopping for dinner.

Coordinator: Linda Klemens, 989-727-4703

November 11

Wiltse’s Restaurant, Oscoda

Joint meeting with AuSable Valley Audubon Society

November 18 – 11:30

Fresh Palate Conference Room

Planning session for 2015 programs and discussion of the Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

Coordinator: Judy Kalmanek

December 20 – Alpena Christmas Bird Count

December 18 – Hubbard Lake Christmas Bird Count

TBAS sponsors the CBC. Field observers and feeder watchers always needed. Join the fun!

Coordinator: Linda Klemens, 989-727-4703

 After a lengthy discussion, a slate of officers was set for 2014. President- Linda Klemens, Vice-president- Lynn Field, Treasurer- Craig Klemens, Secretary- Karen Tetzlaff. Esther Cole made a motion to accept this set of officers. Seconded by Chuck Tetzlaff. Approved unanimously.

Linda wants someone to take over PR. (After meeting, Marilyn Ross agreed to do PR.) Discussion on how to keep in contact with members who are not active. Last year, the event brochure was mailed to everyone, but quarterly newsletters were not done. Minutes and other announcements are e-mailed to members that have given us an email address, and placed on our website. Bill Grigg moved that communication with members be in electronic form only after being sent a printed copy of the annual event brochure. Seconded by Judy Kalmanek. Approved unanimously.

Discussion on sending a letter with the brochure requesting e-mail address and state that we will not be sending printed notices. We have emails for annual memberships, but not many from life-time members. Chuck Tetzlaff moved we honor special requests for regular mailings. If we do not receive a response in any form, we will assume we have inaccurate information and take them off the annual mailing list for the brochure. Seconded by Lynn Field. Approved unanimously.

TBAS 50th Anniversary will be in 2015. The following people will be on the 50th Anniversary Committee: Esther Cole, Karen Tetzlaff, Marilyn Ross

Meeting adjourned at 1:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff