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*October 13, 2016 12:00 pm*

The October 13th meeting was held in the conference room at Northeast Michigan Community Foundation. Eleven members attended. While eating lunch, bird stories were shared. Linda Klemens reported that not many Sandhill Cranes have been seen by Glennie/West Branch. Poor weather had impacted the corn crop where they used to feed. Liz Littler reported seeing ducks spinning in circles feeding on minnows. Karen Tetzlaff reported seeing about 150 Sandhill Cranes on M48 near Pickford. She also handed out maps of the North Huron Birding Trail (connected to north end of Sunrise Coast Birding Trail).

Roger Witherbee and Judy Kalmanek gave an update on the proposed River Center. They shared a mockup of the center. An objective for the building is to get the maximum impact for education with the minimum impact on the environment. Huron Pines has committed to establishing an office there. TBAS would like to have access to storage space. Letters of support are being collected for grants. Linda stated she will write one from TBAS.

Secretary Report: Karen Tetzlaff - The January 11, 2016, minutes were accepted as posted with no corrections.

Treasurer Report: Craig Klemens reported that as of October 13, we had: $865.57 – checking, $1474.31 – 15 month CD, $9355.78 – 36 month CD, $11,695.36 – Total assets. Oil and gas revenues have been much lower and are coming in every two month rather than every month. Judy Kalmanek moved the report be accepted. Vic Galea seconded. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 NAMC report for Alpena County – Bill Grigg compiled the list. It is on our website under the “bird count” tab.

<http://www.thunderbayaudubon.com>

August 17 Paxton Quarry Field Trip – Travis Weidi from Lafarge was our guide. Bird count was 24 species with the highlight being a Solitary Sandpiper. A great place to revisit.

September 21 Alcona County Field Trip – Craig and Linda took us on some back roads from Chippewa Point to the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. 43 species including a Green Heron. Lunch was at the Mountain Inn in Black River.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Lake Road Property – Roger Lettke, Long Lake Association, contacted Linda regarding TBAS property on old Long Lake Road. He requested permission to go on property to clear some weeds, debris, etc that has slowed down the water flow of Long Lake Creek. Also, work may need to be done on Beaver Dams in the near future. After contacting several TBA members, Linda gave him permission.

Sergej Postupalsky Memorial – Barb Jensen has contacted Linda about a memorial for Sergej. Barb is having a bench made to be placed at Fletcher Pond and Linda suggested a plaque on it. Arnie and Deb Pokorzynski have donated toward the plaque. TBA will plan a dedication ceremony the third week in April when Pete DeSimone may be here. Linda will contact Dean about serving hors d’oeuvres. Lynn Galea moved TBAS organize and give monetary support to the event. Judy Kalmanek seconded. Approved unanimously.

Election of officers: President-Linda Klemens, Vice-president-Lynn Field, Treasurer-Steve Wagner, Secretary-Karen Tetzlaff. Judy Kalmanek moved the slate of officers be accepted. Seconded by Craig Klemens. Unanimously approved. Linda appointed Sunday Wagner as Public Relations and Lynn Galea as Refreshment Chairperson.

The Christmas Bird Count will have a few changes of people to do the count. Linda will mail out maps.

Tentative Programs for 2017 – Please turn in details of the following events to Karen by November 5

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| January 13 – noon | Cabin Creek Coffee | CBC review & 2017 donation allocations | Karen Tetzlaff 340-0129 |
| February 17-20 | Great Backyard Bird Count | Info & registration at http://gbbc.birdcount.org |  |
| March 15 | Alpena County Library | Osprey Film & popcorn | Linda Klemens |
| April TBA | Fletcher Pond | Memorial & dedication of bench for Sergej  | Linda Klemens |
| May 13 | North America Migration Count | Alpena County census for field and feeder counters. Electronic forms only. | Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com |
| May 18-20 | Tawas Point Birding Fest. | http://tawasbirdfest.com |  |
| June 7 | Long Rapids Swamp birding trip |  | Dana Howard |
| July 12 6:30 | Kathy Bricker – guest speaker  | Amazing Raptors | Karen Tetzlaff 340-0129 |
| August  | Business Meeting |  | Lynn Galea 248-417-1916 |
| September 7-10 | Midwest Birding Symposium | Bay City |  |
| October 4-5 | Whitefish Point birding trip | Overnight adventure | Connie Stafford cstafft2@yahoo.com |
| October 23 | CFNEM conference roomNoon | Planning Meeting | Judy Kalmanek 616-527-0419 |
| November  |  | Joint meeting with AVA Tom Funk – birding trails | Linda Klemens |
| Dec. 14-Hubbard LakeDec. 176-Alpena | Christmas Bird Count |  | Linda Klemens 989-727-4703 |

Meeting adjourned at 2:10.

Respectively Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff, TBAS Secretary