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*November 11, 2015*

The November 11 meeting was held in the conference room at Northeast Michigan Community Foundation. Nine members attended. While eating lunch, bird sightings were shared. Linda and Craig saw 65-70 Sandhill Cranes ketteling over Alpena. Linda, Karen Tetzlaff, Chris & Julie Wozniak saw a Snowy Owl at Squaw Bay. Linda watched an MSU documentary called Mysteries in the Museum that pictured a Robin, but could it be? Lynn Field & Judy Kalmanak, on Lake Besser, reported Redheads, Grebs, Mallards, Long-tails, Canvas Back, all three Megansers. Judy also saw 6 Trumpeters on Thunder Bay River. Lynn reported a Rusty Blackbird 2 different times at same location near the railroad bridge crossing Thunder Bay River. On October 16th, Linda, Craig, Julie & Chris, Arnie Pokorzynski did a presentation for Outdoor Exploration Day at Thunder Bay Junior High. COLD day!

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Klemens at 12:30.

Secretary Report: Karen Tetzlaff - The March 17th, 2015, minutes were accepted as posted with no corrections.

Treasurer Report: Craig Klemens expressed concern that our income from oil/gas rights have dropped from about $160 a month to about $105. Expenses for the 50th Anniversary Celebration were much more than expected. He recommended we transfer $2000 from the short-term CD to checking to pay outstanding bills. (See attached report) He also said it was awkward having 2 checking accounts which were established 50 years ago. Lynn Field moved that we establish one checking account. Judy Kalmanak seconded. Unanimously approved. Judy Kalmanak moved $2000 be transferred from short-term CD to checking. Lynn Field seconded. Unanimously approved.

50th Anniversary – All received positive comments for the decorations, food, museum as venue, program (but disappointed Sergej could not attend).

Association of Lifelong Learners – Linda Klemens will be doing a “Birding 101” session on January 20th from 10 – 11:30.

Programs for 2016 – Looking at low cost programs for this year. Details of the following events must be turned in to Karen by December 1st.

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| January 13 – noon | NEMich Com Foundation | Birding DVD luncheon | Linda Klemens 989-727-4703 |
| February 26 | APlex | Festivas – Wildlife Sanctuary Event | Karen Tetzlaff 595-3585 |
| March | Alpena County Library | Birding Photography | Lynn Field 356-3745 |
| April TBA | Duck & Island Park | Bridge & Birding | Roger Witherbee, Judy Kalmanek 616-527-0419 |
| May 14 | North America Migration Count | Alpena County census for field and feeder counters. Electronic forms only. | Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com |
| May 19-22 | Tawas Point Birding Fest. | http://tawasbirdfest.com |  |
| June 7 | Birding Fieldtrip – Isaacson Bay, Alpena Nature Preserve | Sack lunch at Elizabeth Littler’s | Elizabeth Littler |
| July TBA | Fletcher Pond | Pontoon tour of Osprey | Arnie Pokorzynski 471-5392 |
| August |  |  |  |
| September |  | Crane Fest Info | Lynn Field 356-3745 |
| October ? | Oscoda | AVA Joint Meeting | Linda Klemens 989-727-4703 |
| November 9 | NEMich Com Foundation | Planning Meeting | Judy Kalmanak 616-527-0419 |
| Dec. 15-Hubbard Lake  Dec. 17-Alpena | Christmas Bird Count |  | Linda Klemens 989-727-4703 |

Lynn Field said he would fund the remaining cost of the March program over $150.

Lynn Field moved we allocate up to $500 for the programs this year. Judy Kalmanak seconded. Unanimously approved.

It was generally agreed $150 could be spent for administrative costs for the year (postage, brochure printing, etc)

Karen Tetzlaff brought up a program, Nature Discovery, that Bill Grigg had talked about last spring. She said we could partner with Friends of Rockport to do a summer presentation during Rec Day at Rockport. Offered to find other grants to help with cost. Program would be around $450. Group did not want to commit any money at this time.

Linda gave an overview of the Fletcher Pond Osprey Project which is a headed by the National Audubon Society. –Steven Stackpole was the major financial contributor to the project since 1965. He passed away but had established an endowment. It is unlikely that Sergej will be able to make another trip here. The platforms need to be cleaned and capped this fall yet. She will contact Arnie and Pete DeSimone to see how they want to proceed. She hopes for a spring meeting with NAS to determine the level of financial and other areas of support they will need. The group did not want to allocate a specific amount of money until we hear from NAS.

Donations for 2016

Discussion on importance of keeping expenditures to a minimum this year as spent more than originally intended on 50th Anniversary and unknown expenses that may come up with the Fletcher Pond Osprey Project.

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|  | 2015 donation | 2016 donation |
| Wildlife Recovery | $200 | $100 |
| Alpena River Center | $1000 | $250 |
| Huron Pines | $100 | $50 |
| Huron Pines Kirkland Warbler Project | $150 | 0 |
| Friends of Rockport | $50 | $50 |
| Friends of Thompson Harbor | $50 | $50 |
| Friends of Negwegon | $50 | $50 |
| NE Mich. Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative | $250 | $100 |
| Tawas Birding Fest/MI Audubon | $100 | $100 |
| National Audubon (CBC) | $125 | $100 |
| Alpena County Library | $100 | $100 |
| Straits Area Hawkwatch | $250 | $100 |
| Sunrise Coast Birding Trail | $300 | 0 |
| Whitefish Point Observatory | $200 | $100 |
| Mich. Nature Association | $35 | 0 |
| Local Karst (for last Aug program) |  | $50 |
| Totals | $2960 | $1200 |

Election of officers: Roger Witherbee moved officers for 2016 remain the same: President-Linda Klemens, Vice-president-Lynn Field, Treasurer-Craig Klemens, Secretary-Karen Tetzlaff. Seconded by Marilyn Ross. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Respectively Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff, TBAS Secretary