

Thunder Bay Audubon Society (TBAS)
Minutes January 26, 2022
Business Meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

Artie Charlton, Ned Charlton, Jan Charter, Jerry Charter, Barb Cole, Lynn Field, Betsy Hale, Rosarie Hartmeyer, Dana Howard, Judy Kalmanek, Chuck Tetzlaff, Karen Tetzlaff, Steve Wagner.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Tetzlaff at 2:03 pm.

Bird Sightings and Avian Tidbits:

4 Robins (unusual this time of year, but not rare), Bohemian Waxwings, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Grouse, a Northern Shrike, Eastern Grosbeaks, Snow Buntings, Goldfinches, a Pileated Woodpecker, Redpolls, Pine Siskins, Starlings, a Red-Winged Blackbird, and the usual winter feeder birds were reported, along with the Snowy Owl that has decided to make Alpena its home, at least for a while. Two members in other parts of the country reported lots of hummingbirds (Rosarie Hartmeyer in California), and an Acorn Woodpecker, Bewick's Wren, and Spotted Towhee (Jan Charter in New Mexico).

Secretary's Report – Judy Kalmanek moved that an adjustment be made to the Annual Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2021, to change "a local credit union" to "Northland Credit Union." Steve Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried by vote of the members present.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President's Report:

The 2022 print mailing, including the brochure, membership form, CBC data, and the President's annual letter has been sent out, and most of those present have received it. The CBC data is incorrect and a corrected version will be sent out.

Various comments were made about the 2021 Christmas Bird Count, which was successful despite some bad weather at both locations.

The events brochure was briefly discussed. Some of the dates are still to be determined because of various factors that could affect those dates.

A gift of engraved bookends was given to Bill Grigg in appreciation for his 50 years of participation in the Christmas Bird Count, and he sent a lovely thank-you note for them.

Vice President's Report:

The date of the Photo Sharing Program has been changed to February 24. Anyone who wants to display photos can do so through a Zoom screen share during the program or email them ahead of time to Mark Jones, with a limit of 10 photos per person. Mark's email is mfjones319@gmail.com.

Treasurers' Reports:

Outgoing Treasurer Steve Wagner reported that what had been projected as a loss of \$800 turned out to be a gain of \$200 due to an unexpected increase in the payment from Riverside Energy. All other income and expenses came in as planned. One issue to be decided is whether the CDs at Nicolet Bank should be left there until maturity or taken out with a penalty.

Incoming Treasurer Dana Howard reported that some action items have not been completed. He will not be mailing membership cards to members in order to save on postage. Last year's membership count was 22 families and 16 individuals. There was a discussion of what to do with donations, and it was agreed that all donations should be acknowledged, whether or not that is legally required.

Unfinished Business:

Karen Tetzlaff reported that Huron Pines is likely to be interested in taking over the Long Lake Creek property. Some preliminary details are for improvements to make it more user friendly. Discussions are ongoing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jan Charter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jan Charter

Secretary

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