TBAS Minutes 10/25/18

14 members were present for Annual Meeting at noon at Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan.

Jim Hallauer donated some Bird Watcher’s Digest magazines and binoculars for the club to use as they wish.

Discussion by members on the birds they have spotted recently.

Secretary’s report was accepted with motion to approve made by Judy Kalmanek, seconded by Craig Klemens. Approved.

Treasurer’s report was reviewed briefly by Karen Tetzlaff in the absence of Steve Wagner. (See attached) Additional details will be given by Steve at the next meeting.

Signup sheet was passed for field counters for the Christmas Bird Count in Hubbard Lake and Alpena. Also looking for feeder counters. Dates of count will be announced and put in Alpena News. (Karen confirmed the dates are December 15 – Alpena, December 20 – Hubbard Lake.)

President’s report--Presque Isle Happenings has invited our organization to post events on their Facebook Page. Karen shared several thank you notes from organizations that we donated to this year. TBAS received 200 Feeder Watch brochures from Cornell Lab or Ornithology (free of charge). The next Jack Pine Warbler magazine will have an article on the dedication of the Motus Tower at Whitefish Point in memory of Linda. Several of our members attended the event.

Min Hunt property was discussed as to how to be better stewards of the property. Brad Jensen, from Huron Pines, who was guest speaker, said after reviewing the property this group might be interested in acquiring the land. This possibility will take a lot of time to look into all aspects of donating the property to Huron Pines. Brad said they would not change it, just clean up the trails and put in a more adequate parking area to make it more accessible to the public. This would be a great site for school groups to see the diversity of this land. The first step is to have Huron Pines give a written proposal to TBAS. Dana Howard made motion to request a written proposal from Huron Pines with key factors to include a partnership and property use. Seconded by Lynn Galea. Approved.

Slate of officers were presented-President- Karen Tetzlaff, Vice-president - Lynn Field, Treasurer- Steve Wagner, Co-secretaries-Marilyn Ross and Judy Kalmanek. Vic Galea made motion to elect slate of officers, seconded by Craig Klemens. Approved. Karen listed support team to include: Sunday Wagner – public relations, Bill Grigg – rare bird sightings, Arnie Pokozynski - osprey & kestrel projects, Lynn Galea – hospitality, Vic Galea – trip coordinator, Betsy Hale – events brochure.

The brochure, Birds of the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary, was presented. Betsy Hale was thanked for her efforts in this project.

In April, there will be a bench dedication to Linda at Fletcher Pond. Bench was donated by Pete DeSimone with Barb Jensen. Since Pete will not be in the area until spring, date will be announced later. Committee formed to plan event: Artie Charlton, Sunday Wagner, Karen Tetzlaff.

Events and programs for 2019 were discussed. Details will be worked out by the November meeting with new brochure ready by January meeting. (See attached)

Next meeting will be November 28 at ACC classroom BTC107D. If weather is nice members will walk the trails around college, lead by Carolyn Skinner.

Artie Charlton made motion to adjourn, seconded by Marilyn Ross. Meeting adjourned at 2:30.