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*January 21, 2015*

The January 21st meeting was held at JJ’s Steak and Pizza in Alpena. President Linda Klemens called the meeting to order at 12:45. 12 people were in attendance. Recent bird sightings included: Dana Howard – Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ted & Chris Fines – White-throated Sparrow, Judy Kalmanek – Ducks: Green-winged Teal, Redhead, Northern Shoveler, Lynn Field – Good sighting of 2 foxes (have to ask him)!

Correspondence: Linda had a 2015 calendar from Wildlife Recovery and wondered if anyone wanted it. Ted Fines asked if the issues they were having with updating their license had been resolved. Linda reported that they have been. When the birds are used for programs, they must be tethered.

The November 18th minutes were accepted as posted with no corrections. Karen Tetzlaff wondered if members use Face Book as she would try to establish one for the TBAS. Lots of interest. Karen will try to establish one.

Craig Klemens gave the treasurer’s report. $121.19 in memorial checking, $437.92 in general checking, $2467 in First Federal CD and $11,183 in long-term CD. We receive about $130-140 in gas royalties per month.

Bill Grigg gave a report on the December 20th Alpena Christmas Bird Count. 20 counters, 48 species. Unusual sightings were a Robin, Eastern Towhee, Common Grackle, and about 900 Redhead Ducks in three groups. (See attachment for complete list.)

Linda Klemens gave a report on the December 18th Hubbard Lake Christmas Bird Count. 18 counters, 42 species. Many “regular” species were not seen this year, but lots of hawks, tundra and mute swans, snowy owl, lots of woodpeckers.

(See attachment for details and comparison of both counts.) Next year, we need to make some changes to the geographic division of the maps and rework the cover letter.

Updates on 2015 Calendar of Events:

***January 21 – 12:00 at JJ’s***

**General Membership Meeting: Election of officers, overview of Christmas Bird Count, & finalize events for 2015.**

***February***

**Place**

**Presentation by Jim Hallauer - kaleidoscopes.**

**Coordinator: Chris Wozniak phone?**

***March 17***

**Jimmy Chen’s Hunan Restaurant**

**12:00 Program by Grace Phillips, Thunder Bay Power, Projects on Thunder Bay River Coordinator: Linda Klemens, 989-727-4703**

***April 14***

**Hawk Watch Day Trip – Mackinac City**

**Carpools leave Duck Park at 8:00**

**Coordinator: Lynn Field, 356-3745**

***May 2***

**8:30 Bird Walk on Island Park with Bill Grigg.**

**10:00 Duck Park-Dedication of Sunrise Coast Birding Trail- Partner host: The River Center**

**Coordinators: Karen Tetzlaff, 595-3585**

**Judy Kalmanek, 616-527-0419**

***May 9***

**North Amer. Migration Count – Alpena County census for field and feeder counters.**

**Electronic forms only.**

**Coordinator: Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com**

***May 14-17***

**Tawas Birding Festival & Michigan**

**Audubon Society Annual Meeting.**

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

**May 31**

**Purple Martin Mania. Meet at trailhead of Thompson’s Harbor S Park for nature walk. Lunch-Purple Martin Inn, Rogers City.**

**Coordinator: Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com**

***June 20 – 8:30-9:30***

**Rockport Rec Day – Nature walk for all ages exploring plants and animals of Besser Natural Area forest and shoreline of Lake Huron.**

**Coordinator & Presenter: Bill Grigg**

**Bill Grigg wngrigg@hotmail.com**

***July TBA***

**Fletcher Pond Pontoon Tour with Sergej Postupalsky. Limited space..**

**Reservations: Arnie Pokorzynski, 471-5398**

***August 1***

**Carpools leave Duck Park at 9:30 for Leer Road Sink Holes. Tour by Bill Houston**

**Coordinator: Karen Tetzlaff 595-3585**

***September 10-13***

**Midwest Birding Symposium, Bay City**

**For more info, see https://www.birdwatchersdigest.com**

***October 13***

**TBAS 50th Anniversary Celebration and joint meeting – AuSable Valley Audubon Society.**

**Besser Museum – 6:00 Meet & Greet**

**7:00 Program by S. Postupalsky with history of Osprey research**

**Coordinators: Linda Klemens, 989-727-4703**

**Karen Tetzlaff- 595-3585**

***November 11***

***12:00 NEMich. Com. Foundation Conf Rm***

**Planning session for 2016 programs, and discussion of the Christmas Bird Count**

**Coordinator: Judy Kalmanek, 616-527-0419**

***Christmas Bird Count***

***December 17 – Hubbard Lake-*Linda Klemens *December 19 – Alpena*-Bill Grigg**

**Field observers and feeder watchers always needed. Join the fun!**

Sunrise Coast Birding Trail: Dedicated on Saturday, May 2 at Duck Park/Island Park in Alpena.

8:30-9:30 Birding on Island Park with Bill Grigg

9:45 Cub Scout (Kali Smith) report on Island Park bird houses

10:00 Dedication Ceremony – Linda Klemens

Blake Gingrich from the DNA will loan us a tent. Will make sure port-a-john is in place. We will provide water.

The signs are being ordered. Discussion on 4x4 wooden posts vs steel posts. Bill Grigg moved we use 4x4 wooden posts. Seconded by Judy Kalmanek. Approved unanimously. Need to obtain permission from all land owners/managers at sign locations. Sites will need to be scouted and have exact sign location. Sites have been divided up amongst members. Karen will write a news release and send to members to in turn send out.

Election of Officers: Current officers agreed to continue with the exception of Marilyn Ross, Publicity, who had to leave the meeting early. Roger Witherbee moved that the slate of officers include: Linda Klemens – president, Lynn Field – vice-president, Craig Klemens – treasurer, Karen Tetzlaff – secretary, rare bird sightings – Bill Grigg. Seconded by Dana Howard. Approved unanimously.

The 50th Anniversary Committee will meet after the current meeting at the home of Marilyn Ross. Committee members include: Linda Klemens, Karen Tetzlaff, Esther Cole, Marilyn Ross, Julie and Chris Wozniak, Jim Hallauer. Program set for Tuesday, October 13 at the Besser Museum. Meet & Greet with hors d’oeuvres at 6:00, Program featuring

S. Postupalsky with history of Osprey research. We want to have a display of historical items – journals, ledgers and a PowerPoint presentation of photos. Chris Wozniak volunteered to scan items and will ask Jerry Krans to put together the PP presentation.

Bill Grigg had investigated the Michigan Young Birders Program. He found the program is a club, not a sponsorship. Linda thought the American Birding Association had a similar program.

Don’t forget the Great Backyard Bird Count is February 13-16. <http://gbbc.birdcount.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Respectively Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff, TBAS Secretary