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*October 23, 2017 12:00 pm facebook.com/thunderbayaudubon*

The October 23rd meeting was held at the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan conference room in Alpena.

14 members attended. Vice-President Lynn Field called the meeting to order at 12:20. Thank you to Betsy Hale for the soup!

Members shared area bird sightings which included white-throated and white-crowned sparrows, evening grosbeak, few black-eyed juncos, king fisher yet at Grand Lake, a lone hummingbird yet at Hubbard Lake. Craig Klemens had a pair of nesting red-headed woodpeckers – unusual for this area

Secretarial Report: Karen Tetzlaff had sent the minutes of the September 20th to members via email. No corrections so minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasury Report: Steve Wagner reviewed report dated October 23rd - see attached for details. There are several donations that were allocated, but not paid for 2017. Steve will go ahead and send those out. Vic Galea moved the report be accepted. Second by Judy Kalmanek. Unanimously approved. Steve suggested TBAS rent a post office box for our official address. That way when officers change, the mailing address remains the same. Everyone agreed. Steve has been asked by Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch to be their treasurer. He wanted out thoughts on it before he accepted. Everyone thought it was fine and would be beneficial for TBAS to share ideas.

Old Business:

* October 10 program featuring Calab Putnam. Jerry and Jan Charter went to Oscoda for the presentation. Jan brought back information on proposed sandhill crane and mourning dove hunting. Calab spoke on the importance of sharing what we are about with the general public. The Michigan Conservation Initiative will be meeting on March 16-18 in Mackinac City. (See attached documents.)
* Whitefish Point Trip. Some photos were passed around. 14 members went on the adventure. Everyone had a great time and want to go back in the spring. We did not see a lot of birds at The Point, but a flock of about 50 common loons and a spruce grouse were among the highlights. A special evening presentation at The Owl’s Roost was given by Chris Neri, field ornithologist and head owl bander, on the history of owl banding at Whitefish Point.
* Christmas Bird Count planning - Craig Klemens will organize the Hubbard Lake count on December 14. He will let the counters know and all are invited to his place for lunch. He will send the total counts to Bill Grigg who will enter them in the National Audubon database. Karen Tetzlaff will organize the Alpena count on December 16. Counters will meet at JJ’s at noon. She will send the total counts to Bill Grigg.

New Business:

* November 7 speaker. Tom Funke, “50 Hikes in MI Upper Peninsula” will be our guest speaker at the Alpena County Library. TBAS is hosting this joint meeting with AuSable Valley Audubon. Time has been changed to 7:00. Cost will be $125 and he may stay with Craig. Tom will have his books for sale.
* Election of officers.

Slate of officers: Karen Tetzlaff- president, Lynn Field- vice president, Steve Wagner- treasurer, Marilyn Ross- secretary. Judy Kalmanek moved the slate be approved. Second by Vic Galea. Approved unanimously.

Others volunteered to take on supportive roles: Sunday Wagner- public relations, Betsy Hale- events brochure, Arnie Pokozynski - osprey/ Fletcher Pond and kestrel liaison, Vic Galea- trip co-ordinator, Lynn Galea- hospitality, Bill Grigg- rare bird sightings

* 2018 Programs. Events and meetings for 2018 were discussed. Dates, times, places are all tentative at this point. See attached document.
* 2018 Donations. Tabled to January meeting.
* Memorial for Linda. Some ideas were discussed but no decision can be made yet as we don’t have any idea how many donations we may get. Ideas included a bench, tree, bird friendly plants at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse or Duck Park with a metal sign similar to historical designation signs. Additional suggestions are welcome. TBAS and Alcona Historical Society are suggested memorials by the family.

Next Meeting. January 17, noon.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Respectively Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff, TBAS Secretary