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*November 26, 2013*

Thirteen members gathered at Cabin Creek Coffeehouse in Alpena. President Linda Klemens called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Recent bird sightings were shared: Deb and Wes Smith saw Trumpeter Swans on Fletcher Pond and Pileated Woodpeckers, Bill Craig – Green-winged Teal, Lynn Field – Black Scoter, Karen Tetzlaff - American Goldfinches. Linda and Craig Klemens and Vic and Lynn Galea saw 500-600 Sandhill Cranes in Ogemaw County. Rick & Caroline Counselor near Hubbard Lake have had a Carolina Wren in their barn. Judy Kalmanek – Bald Eagle pair and a fair number of migratory waterfowl in the TB Sanctuary.

Ted and Chris Fines introduced themselves and were welcomed as new members. They have recently retired to Lost Lake Woods. Chris retired from 19 years at Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods. Ted is a photographer. Welcome!

Judy Kalmanek has been appointed to the Huron Pines Board. They will be the lead agency that will oversee the delisting of the Kirkland Warbler. She gave an update on frogbit. The local surveys have been completed as to where it is. Frogbit is possibly being spread by unwashed boats from other areas. More treatment will take place next July before the turion buds drop. Usually “simply” pull it up and dispose of it. Possible that it will be sprayed next year.

Linda asked for an approval of October minutes. All approved.

Craig Klemens gave the treasurer’s report. $242.59 in memorial checking, $43.82 in checking, $3451 in First Federal CD and $10,400 in Alpena Bank CD. We receive approximately $150/month from oil wells on Fletcher Pond. We received a thank you from The River Center for the 3rd of 5 installments of $1000.

The following expenditures were discussed and approved:

**Huron Pines Membership** - $100. Moved by Roger Witherbee. Seconded by Esther Cole. Unanimously approved.

**Donation to Friends of Rockport** - $100 designated for phragmites treatment. Moved by Lynn Field. Seconded by Judy Kalmanek. Unanimously approved.

**Michigan Nature Association** - $35. Moved by Esther Cole. Seconded by Karen Tetzlaff. Unanimously approved.

**Friends of Thompson & Friends of Negwagon** - $50 each. Moved by Lynn Field. Seconded by Judy Kalmanek. Unanimously approved.

**NEMichigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative** - $250 (due April 2014). Moved by Roger Witherbee. Seconded by Lynn Field. Unanimously approved.

**Whitefish Point** - $100. Moved by Craig Klemens. Seconded by Judy Kalmanek. Unanimously approved.

**Tawas Point Festival** - $100 to sponsor workshop. Moved by Esther Cole. Seconded by Lynn Field. Unanimously approved.

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Program events were discussed for 2013/14. The following is the tentative schedule:

January – general meeting with election of officers. (Linda stated she will not be able to be president next year.) Finalize program events for 2013-14.

February – Bird Art Show and Tell. Coordinator: Lynn Field

March –

April – Presentation by Joe Rogers of Wildlife Recovery on Raptors. Coordinator: Linda Klemens

May – Tawas Birding Festival, Bird Banding, North America Bird Count

June – Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods. Coordinators: Chris & Ted Fines

July – Fletcher Pond Osprey Trip. Coordinator: Linda Klemens

August – Phragmites treatment. Visit to MinHunt Nature Preserve. Coordinator: Karen Tetzlaff

September – Alcona County Birding Tour. Coordinator: Craig Klemens

October – Sandhill Crane viewing in Ogenaw County. Coordinator: Linda Klemens

November – Joint meeting with Ausable Valley Audubon Society

December – Christmas Bird Count. Coordinator: Linda Klemens

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Linda Klemens will mail information on this year’s Christmas Bird Count to volunteers.

Alpena: December 14. Meet at JJ’s for pizza at noon.

Hubbard Lake: December 19. Meet at the Klemen’s for lunch at noon.

Bill Craig requested a link be added to our website for the Great Backyard Birdcount. (Karen will do)

Meeting adjourned at 1:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff