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*Program for February 13, 2013 – Alpena County Library*

A bird recognition program was presented by Lynn Field and Gerry Krans.

Club members and guests heard audio of bird calls and tried to identify the birds. Categories included: raptors, sparrows, backyard, warblers, Weseel Road birds, and colorful birds. Several people brought photos of birds to share.

The business meeting was called to order by President Linda Klemens at 8:20.

The minutes of the meetings this year will be e-mailed to those members that we have an e-mail address for and they will also be placed on our website: thunderbayaudubonsociety.com

The treasurer’s report was given by Craig Klemens: $515 - Memorial, $532 –General, $10,500 – CD at Alpena Savings, $4039 – CD at First Federal.

Christmas Bird Counts – Alpena, Hubbard Lake and Rogers City were mailed with the Events Brochure a few weeks ago. This data was also submitted to the Michigan and National Audubon Societies. It is also posted on our website.

Donations for 2013:

* We had given $50 to Carol Dodge Grochowski for her program last month on the Rockport/Besser Natural Area. She asked if we would like to use $40. of that toward a membership to the Friends of Rockport. Lynn Field and group agreed. Linda will let Carol know.
* Michigan Nature Association membership is $35. Lynn Field made a motion to join, seconded by Bob Preston. Motion carried unanimously.
* Alpena River Center – we have already allocated $1000 for the 3rd of 5 annual payments. A “picture” presentation will take place in spring, probably at the canoe launch at the Wildlife Park.
* Huron Pines sponsorship is $50. Lynn Field made motion to give this amount, seconded by Arnie Pokorzynski. Motion carried unanimously.
* Thompson Harbor State Park Friends group – allocated at a previous meeting
* Negwegon State Park Friends Group – Contributing membership $25. Lynn Field made motion to do so, seconded by Gerry Krans. Motion carried unanimously.
* Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative – need more information from Bill Grigg.

Michigan Audubon Society

* Winter Backyard Birding Series sent via the MAS email list. You can join the email list at http://www.michiganaudubon.org/
* TBAS has been asked to sponsor an Osprey program at Fletcher Pond in conjunction with the Tawas Birding Festival. This would be an all day program with participants coming here for lunch and then program. We would need to provide an alternative activity in case of inclement weather. We would probably have to incur the cost of bringing Sergej Postupalsky here. After discussion, group felt we did not have enough time this year to organize such an event, but would consider doing it in 2014 if we start this summer to prepare.

Next meeting will be April 3rd (NOTE DATE CHANGE) at MinHunt Nature Preserve on Shubert Highway. Carpools will leave Duck Park at 12:30. Call Arnie Polorzynski at 471-5392 for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

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TBAS Secretary