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*March 15, 2017 1:00 pm facebook.com/thunderbayaudubon*

The March 15th meeting was held in the Community Foundation for NEMichigan conference room. Seven members attended. While enjoying popcorn, bird observations were shared. Judy Kalmanek reported 87 geese and a blue heron on Thunder Bay River by Long Rapids Road. Karen reported a red-winged blackbird and Sunday a few sparrows. Arnie Pokorzynski reported a black-necked stilt, scarlet macaw, kiskadee, magpie jay – all seen on a recent trip to Costa Rica!

We also viewed sections of an Osprey film that featured Sergej Postupalsky.

President Linda Klemens called the meeting to order at 1:15.

Secretarial Report: Karen Tetzlaff had sent the minutes of the January 13, 2017 to members via email. Judy Kalmanek moved the minutes be accepted as posted. Seconded by Craig Klemens. Unanimously approved.

Treasury Report: Steve Wagner reviewed report for March 15- see attached for details. There are a few tax form changes that have to be dealt with because he is a new officer. One of our DCs will reach maturity this summer. Will watch interest rates, but usually it is just rolled over. He read a thank you card from Wildlife Recovery for our donation.

Old Business:

* Jeremy Stoppa, Red Sky Raptor Center, was supposed to give us a presentation, but due to a death in the family, he was unable to come. Will try to reschedule in August or September.
* Linda wrote a letter on behalf of TBAS to Caledonia Township in support of improvements they are making to a park there.
* Mackinac Raptor Festival – Craig, Linda, Karen, Chuck, Bill are attending. Info at <http://mackinawraptorfest.org/>
* Tawas Birding Festival- May 18-20. Info at Tawasbirdfest.com
* NAMC – The two people who handle the stats are no longer going to do this. Bill Grigg wondered if we wanted to do it anyway for our own enjoyment. Let Bill or Linda know if interested.
* Jack Pine Warbler- several errors in latest issue. Linda had contacted Michigan Audubon. They were apologetic about errors!

New Business:

* April 17, 6:00 dinner at JJ’s. Pete DeSimone hosting dinner with a National Audubon program on Osprey Research. Reservations to Linda by April 10.
* April 18, 2:00. TBAS hosting bench dedication for Sergej Postupalsky and Stephen Stackpole at Fletcher Pond/Jack’s Landing. 5:00 – “up north” picnic style dinner. Reservations to Linda by April 10. (Members asked to bring dish – call Karen 989-340-0129.) Linda is putting the program together. Memorabilia table, need set-up and clean up crew. Karen will send out email invitations in the next few days. Sunday will cover advertising. Airboat rides for a donation to go to osprey research. $50 bar tender fee to Jack’s Landing.

Meeting was adjourn at 2:35.

Respectively Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff, TBAS Secretary