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The June 17 meeting was held at the Besser Museum after a dinner furnished by The Fresh Palate. President Linda Klemens called the meeting to order at 6:05. Correspondence included a thank you from Carolyn Skinner.

Birds are on their nests and there is plenty of natural food for them at the moment so are not coming to feeders as often. Lynn Field and Belinda Hanna reported a pair of Sandhill Cranes and their colts on Misery Bay Road.

A few corrections to the January minutes (last meeting) were: the HLCBC had submitted a Chipping Sparrow, not an American Tree Sparrow. The 50th Anniversary Committee should include Karen Tetzlaff, Esther Cole, Marilyn Ross and Linda Klemens.

Craig Klemens gave the treasurer’s report. $672 in memorial checking, $510 in general checking, $3400 in First Federal CD and $10,500 in Alpena Bank CD. Gas royalties have increased the last few months.

Next year, we need more field counters for the Alpena North America Migration Count. Bill Grigg has the report finalized. Karen will attach it with the e-mail of these minutes and place on our web site.

Linda shared information on the MI Wildlife Recovery Association’s difficult situation with their permit review. They need letters of support from people who have seen their program and could speak to the quality of them. Send a hard copy to Larry Harrison, USFWS, 5600 America Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458, or e-mail at larry\_harrison@fws.gov Contact Linda for more information.

Only Vic and Lynn Galea attended the Tawas Birding Festival in May. They reported a good conference with a wide variety of informative workshops.

Rockport Recreation Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bill Grigg will lead a Birding Session from 8:30 to 10:00 at the Besser Natural Area (take US 23 north out of Alpena and turn on East Grand Lake Highway at the Hide-a-way Bar. Approx 5 miles, turn right at Besser Bell). A full day of activities, including a special Bat Program will be held at Rockport. For more info, go to [www.friendsofrockport.org](http://www.friendsofrockport.org)

Ed Pike from Mackinaw City Hawk Watch sent a copy of the 2014 report. They are requesting a donation which we will review for 2015. Bill Grigg and Lynn Field visited one day this spring and recommend it for a field trip for our group next year.

Our July meeting/program at Fletcher Pond to see the Osprey nests will depend on the Osprey’s nesting timetable and Sergej’s health. We plan to do two tours on two separate days if all goes well. Karen will e-mail the dates asap.

The TBAS has had at least four meetings in the last two years at the Alpena County Library for which there is no charge. Karen Tetzlaff suggested we donate $100 to the library. Lynn Field seconded. Discussion: Esther Cole said the club used to give the library $25 every time we printed a newsletter. She amended the amount to $150. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

The group then moved upstairs to the meeting room for our guest presentation by Roann Kovalcik, of Grosse Pointe Woods Birds Unlimited. She gave an informative talk on the flora and fauna of Madagascar. She included information on the island, its people, and her trip there. Thanks to Chris and Ted Fines for organizing this!

Respectively Submitted,

Karen Tetzlaff, TBAS Secretary