

FRIENDS OF THE BLUEBIRDS

April 15, 2007 at Riverbank Discovery Centre

— present

Barry Danard welcomed members and guests.

Vona Cochrane presented the treasurer's report showing a bank balance of \$667.68. Discussion followed concerning declining funds due to cost of venue. Several options were mentioned: yearly fee, fund raisers, corporate sponsorship. Will be decided upon at a future meeting.

Line Manager Report by Bob Andrews – Bob would like a map of each route designating box placement and number. He suggested looking at the National Atlas of Canada on-line for a map.

Barry discussed research project by Karla Stouffer regarding tree swallows – testing blood and feathers in order to prepare a data base to determine where they winter.

Summary results from 2006 discussed.

Money-saving strategy – less paper. (Envelopes now contain only one field sheet.)

NABS membership now \$15 / year or \$30 for 2 years U. S. Convention in 2007 is in Georgia in September.

Barry showed some slides on bluebird identification.

Judy had slides of birds for us to identify.

After some door prize draws we enjoyed the usual goodies, refreshments and conversation.

Secretary,

Barbara Pettinger