

FRIENDS OF THE BLUEBIRDS FALL MEETING

October 20 2013

Riverbank Discovery Centre, Brandon

The fall meeting of Friends of the Bluebirds was held at the Riverbank Discovery Centre in Brandon on Sunday, October 20, 2013 with 29 Bluebirders in attendance.

Chairman Herb Goulden welcomed everyone.

Secretary Barb Pettinger read the **minutes** of the 2013 Spring Meeting. Acceptance of minutes as read moved by Barb and seconded by Ken Barclay. Carried,

Treasurer Joan McTavish presented the **financial report** showing a bank balance of \$814.45. Moved by Joan and seconded by Phil MacMillan that the report be accepted.

Carried.

Line Manager Ken Barclay discussed line numbers and maps showing bluebird lines. He also made reference to raccoon guards and had a sample on a table. Nest box supplies and boxes are available from him and Herb Goulden.

Monitoring Data Reports: Luc Gamache said that 23 lines had been reported and are recorded on a spreadsheet. Other sheets were handed in at the meeting. Swallow Mortality Rate has been added to the Summary Sheets.

Membership Report: Ellen Blain is working on obtaining e-mail addresses and has copies of the membership list for those who need one.

NABS Report: Barry Danard is still collecting old wildlife permits as a fundraiser. We have realized \$145 in 2013. Barry made reference to NABS membership forms, journals and Facebook.

New Website: Herb Goulden and Rob Shearer explained the new Friends of the Bluebirds website to us and Rob showed some video of the site. www.mbbirds.org Herb and Rob gave a presentation on the proposed **Bluebird Line Mapping Project**.

Open Forum: Monitoring reports were made from 15 different lines.

The **position of secretary** was opened up and Linda Boys graciously volunteered to replace Barbara Pettinger who has filled that position since 2003.

Door Prizes were distributed to the lucky winners.

2014 Spring Meeting set for Sunday, April 27.

Meeting adjourned by Gord Hammell, followed by refreshments and visiting.

Secretary, Barbara Pettinger