

Friends of the Bluebirds Fall Meeting  
October 22, 2017  
Riverbank Discovery Centre, Brandon

The fall meeting of the Friends of the Bluebirds was held at the Riverbank Discovery Centre in Brandon on Sunday, October 22, 2017. 24 members present.

Chairman Herb Goulden called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed everyone. Herb explained Gord Hammel was sick today and not able to chair meeting. Herb indicated we had received a \$500.00 grant from Manitoba Naturalists Bluebird Fund for building materials. There are 18 boxes on hand, on east side of house, call or leave note if you are picking them up. Also mentioned was, the cost of the meeting room was now \$147.00.

**Agenda** had been previously emailed to everyone.

**MOTION:** DANARD, Barry/Mitchell, Loralie – that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** BOYS, Linda/Weiss, Phil - that the minutes be adopted as distributed.

Carried

**Treasurer's Report** – Colleen Barclay

Receipts and expenditures since the spring meeting were reviewed. Bank balance is \$1075.70

**MOTION:** BARCLAY, Colleen/Pettinger, Barb – that the financial report be accepted as presented.

Question was raised by a member asking if we have applied to Foundations for funds? Herb indicated we had not and for now we don't need to, perhaps in spring.

Herb will write Manitoba Naturalists Bluebird Fund and report on how money is used. \$800.00 expense for website coming up in 2019.

**Line Report** – Ken Barclay

There are two lines people have given up. Jean Horton – just off Trans Canada on 351. 18 boxes. Herb will take it on.

Brian Johnston – 25 boxes in the Bunclody area – let Ken know if interested.

Dan and Mickey MacIntrye – sold farm –has boxes on it. RR#1 – south of Brandon.

**Monitoring Data Report** – Linda Pearn

33 reports in; more today at meeting. 40 reports were received last year. Deadline is October 31. Linda has topographical maps now and will map lines so we have an idea of where things are located. Memory Map, a program that can be download to work on topo maps.

Linda could call people who never report to inquire where the line is. Check to see if still monitoring. Compiled info goes to NABBS.

**Membership** – Carole Sangster – 133 people on membership list, 25 are friends and have no boxes. Question raised if we should send list out to club members. Consensus was we should. Carole will call members over winter to update.

**Library Report** – Colleen Barclay

Help yourself to magazines and books, sign out books. Bring back next meeting.

**NABS Report** – Barry Danard

Income from permits -\$49.50. Still collecting permits; ones with stamps on them, fishing licenses completely in tack, and any from the north are valuable.

All the raw reports from 2003 onward – Linda Pearn will keep. Has minutes going back to early 1980's, will bring in. Archives at Brandon University a possible place to store.

**Website** – Linda Pearn

Stats: 19,000 visitors – April 2016 to date.

Question is: What is doing for bluebirds? Is it helping the cause? Is a lot of work and need to assess its value. Still have half of contract with Pivotal Elements. \$125.00 1 ½ hrs.

Herb will update boxes on Website. Could have decals and hats on website.

**Hats and Decals** – Erica Alex

Regent Custom Printing and Leech Printing have done an excellent job on the hats and decals.

Hats ordered at last meeting are in. \$16.00 at hat, with taxes \$18.00. \$20.00 for a hat would include a window decal. Decals can purchased at meeting. Hats ordered at this meeting will be available at the spring meeting.

**Friends of the Bluebirds on-line Yahoo group** – Erica Alex

Use Manitobabirds to increase our awareness. Will report how season has gone.

**Newsletter** – last year's data, will be sent out end of week/next week. Winter edition will include this year's data. Always looking for materials for newsletters from membership.

Herb thanked Erica for all her work in designing the logos and looking after sales of hats and decals.

Shawna Philpott, Masters of Science student at Brandon University gave an excellent presentation on Herpetofauna - Study of reptiles and amphibians.

**Next meeting** - April 22, 2018

Door prizes drawn for.

**Adjourned** at 3:45 Judy Danard