

Friends of the Bluebirds Fall Meeting
October 21, 2018
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 21, 2018. 30 members present.

Chair, Gord Hammell called meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Thanked the executive for their jobs done, Edith Parsons for doing coffee today. Reminded everyone to send reports to Linda Pearn if not turned in today.

Tree Swallows – endangered in southern Ontario, low numbers of young fledgings and survival low during migration. Important to gather the information for our area for future studies.

Proposal to Manitoba Bluebird Fund Committee – grant for \$1,000 approved. They will need a report by February on what we have achieved with grant. Herb has built over 50 boxes this past year. Material for boxes \$7.00 per box. 3407 Rosser to pick up bluebird boxes.

Kevin Corwin, Colorado, called to chat about club and how NABS could help us. Planning on coming to our spring meeting, asked if would be guest speaker for spring meeting. Subscription to Bluebird Journal for a year on door prize table.

Time to starting thinking of new people to take over role of chairperson.

Agenda had been previously emailed to everyone.

MOTION: DANARD, Barry/Barclay, Ken – that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried

Minutes

MOTION: BOYS, Linda/Goulden, Herb - that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Carried

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Barclay

Receipts and expenditures since the spring meeting were reviewed. Closing bank balance for period is \$1 526.85.

Line Report – Ken Barclay

Three new members started lines, 1 line needing someone to manage. 22 houses south of Souris in the Buncloudy area.

Coon guards. Work really well.

Tree Swallows – 35% dead in nest, a week away from fledging. No problem with the bluebirds. Felt it was a shortage of food.

Monitoring Data Report – Linda Pearn

No report

Membership – Carole Sangster – 123 people on membership list, 23 are friends and have no boxes.

Northern Reflections store – clerk sister of original boys who worked with John Lane establishing the bluebird lines, Ken and Tony Burton.

Library Report – Colleen Barclay

Help yourself to magazines and books, books have a card, sign and give to Colleen. Bring back next meeting.

NABS Report – Barry Danard

Game licences – will be sending away soon
Nebraska for NABS meeting.

Website – Linda Pearn

No report

Hats and Decals – Erica Alex

There has been a problem getting hats, supplier hesitant to set up for small order. See Erica today if you would like a hat.

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

Nothing to report

Newsletter – Erica Alex

2018 summer one ready, send to chair and Linda Pearn to put on website. Always looking for stories, pictures, things for newsletter. Please contribute.

MOTION: PARSONS, Edith/Goulden, Herb – that reports be accepted as presented. Carried

New Business

- Discussion on box predators.
- Thin walled boxes could be cooler by attaching styrofoam to sun sides of boxes.
- Discussion on box results.
- Discussion on ramifications of provincial government selling Crown lands – a concern as it will be turned into crop land, currently much is used for community pastures; a great reservoir for biodiversity.
- Gord write letter expressing concerns with the loss of habitat for endangered species and that we are opposed to the sale of crown lands. Email to members.
- Discussion on changing meeting to Saturday, if room available.

Door prizes drawn for.

Next meeting - April 28, 2019

Adjourned at 3:45 Judy Danard. Following the business meeting, Linda Boys showed pictures from her trip the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu