

Friends of the Bluebirds Fall Meeting
April 21, 2024
Riverbank Discovery Centre, Brandon

The spring meeting of the Friends of the Bluebirds was held at the Riverbank Discovery Centre in Brandon on Sunday, April 21, 2024. 45 members present.

Chair, Phil Weiss, called meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Introduction of new people and welcomed to club. George, Michniewicz, new member, has applied to put boxes on NCC property, Waggle Springs area.

Friends of the Bluebirds will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in two years time. It's the commitment and passion of members that has got to where we are today.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: GOULEN, Herb/Bruederlin, Bruno- that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

MINUTES

Motion: BOYS, Linda/Gaumache, Donna – that the Minutes of the October 29, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

REPORTS

Chair - Phil Weiss

- Nature Manitoba, geo reference our lines, 80 – 90 lines, 101 proposal went in, accepted and approved. Cheque is in the mail. Three year project. \$15,000 , \$5,000. per year
- Nesting box update: fall clean up of boxes cleared out our inventory.
- Need to build more, Seniors for Seniors, Men's shed, Minnedosa and Westbran will be called upon again to build. Fall clean out, let Phil know if you're going to need more in the following year. This will allow time to replenish inventory.
- Introduction of Executive: Wendy Bulloch, Treasurer; Gord Hamell, voice of reason; Barry Danard, liason, NABB Society; Linda Pearn, Data manager, website; Carole Sangster, Membership; Linda Boys, Secretary wishes to retire so position is open for anyone interested. Bruno Bruederlin and Dan Chranowski, line managers.
- Barry Danard, Friends of the Bluebirds, article in Crossroads, Shoal Lake community news
- Larry McGuire, Volunteer appreciation certificate to our organization for what we do.

Financial – Wendy Bulloch

No report – at fall meeting.

Membership – Carole Sangster

New members, see Carole so she can add your information to list. Also, if you know of anyone not with us or not doing Bluebirds anymore let her know so that can be updated as well.

Data/Web Management – Linda Pearn – Our data for last year is on the web site, a slight improvement. Phil sent data to: NABS, Canadian Wildlife Branch, Manitoba Wildlife Branch, Other Canadian NABS Affiliates, Nature Saskatchewan and Nature Manitoba. Forty-five of our members monitor boxes, other members that do not monitor, just look after boxes but do not submit data.

Line Managers – Dan Chranoswki, Bruno Bruederlin
101 lines, one new line, 3 pending. On your phone you can drop a pin where you are for boxes. Road numbers useful reference; Linda Pearn has data on lines, road locations. Locations of the boxes that are being reported most important for first year. Manitoba Habitat Conservancy can produce the map for us.

Motion: BRUEDERLIN, Bruno, Barclay, Ken - that the reports are approved as presented.
Carried.

Following the business meeting Marissa Burrard, Manitoba Chimney Swift Initiative Coordinator, gave a very interesting presentation on the life of chimney swifts.

NEXT MEETING

Third week in October 2024

Adjournment by Ian Milliken at 3:00 pm