

GRAND TRAVERSE AUDUBON CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TADL Thirlby Room

12.09.2021 10 am

Approved 1.13.22

Attendance: Leonard Graf, Kathy Flegel, Kirk Waterstripe, John Mesch, Shirley Mesch, Mary MacDowell

Absent: Jerry Freels, Ann Kennedy, Sharon Benjy

Treasurer Report:

Checking Account /Saving	\$2980.29
Walter Hasting Fund	\$895.62
Petty Cash	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$3915.91

Discussion

2022 Budget: The 2022 budget was discussed, and a draft developed. There are two areas that need further research, 1) whether we are still contributing for bird seed at Boardman Nature Center and 2) the cost of the Web Site maintenance for 2022. Kathy Flegel will investigate these areas and advise Leonard.

Leonard Graf will provide a draft 2022 budget, if all information is available, at the December 16<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting for a vote of the membership. He will also discuss officer positions that were recommended at the November Board meeting; Kathy Flegel as President and Jerry Freels as Vice President for ratification vote of the members.

While discussing the 2022 several ideas emerged.

- Kirk Waterstripe suggested that we might investigate developing a 2023 Calendar with bird photos taken by our members.
- Approaching the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation officials to see if they would be interested in installing a “dock” for birders that us assisted mobility devices, such as walker or wheelchairs. This dock would be oriented toward the flats and areas where the birds congregate. This could be a partnership with GTAC depending on the response that we receive. Kirk will investigate this idea. If feasible, further development needs to take place.
- Consider partnering with Elmwood Township to discuss installing a Gourd Purple Martin House system in Grielickville Harbor Park. This idea needs further investigation and development.
- It was also discussed that many of the Bluebird Houses that GTAC installed over the years have fallen in disrepair.

While Kirk Waterstripe made many of these suggestions, Kirk should enlist the assistance of other board members to assist him in gathering more information.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am