

GRAND TRAVERSE AUDUBON BOARD MEETING  
September 1, 2022  
THIRLBY ROOM TADL

Attendees: Kathy Flegel, Jerry Freels, Leonard Graf, John Mesch, Sharon Benjey, Kirk Waterstripe, Ann Kennedy

President Flegel called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

**Treasurer Report 9.1.2022**

Checking account	\$3708.79
Walter Hasting Fund	\$990.98

Expenses

William Dickie Backpacks	\$63.57
Vanguard Binoculars	\$1038.79
Misc materials (Dotster_	14.99

Total Expenses to date \$1117.35

Backpack donations: \$885.00

**Blue Bird Box Project: Projecting to build 25 -26 Bluebird Boxes**

Proposed date November 5, 2022

A Greg Miller from the Blue Bird Society will give an educational presentation on blue birds and how to use the blue bird boxes.

**Boardman Nature Center: Kathy will check on availability.**

There was discussion about requesting a "Good Will" donation from participants. This will be determined after we see if and how much Home Depot will support the project.

Proposed cost: Materials (wood, screws etc) roughly \$150  
Discussion ensued.

**Kathy will approach Home Depot to see if they would donate the materials or part of the materials.**

The Board discussed the possibility of providing conduit pipe to mount the boxes. It was decided not to proceed with this piece. Each participant will be responsible for mounting the box. The participants will be educated on how to mount the boxes, where and why that mounting process is important.

There was further discussion about using a specific type of ring to protect the entrance hole of the box.

Kirk will approach Wild Birds Unlimited to obtain cost and any available discount.

**MOTION:** Mary MacDowell moved to fund the project with an amount no more than \$250 from the Walter Hasting Fund. If any “good will” donations are received they will be deposited in the Walter Hasting Fund.

Ann Kennedy seconded: All approved.

BIKE And Brew: Program of the Detroit Audubon Club  
September 18 Biking the Leelanau Trail from TC to Suttons Bay. At present they have 15 people signed up.

We are assisting by placing some GTAC members at strategic locations. We plan to have a spotting scope at the sewage plant and another location. Kirk will request volunteers in the newsletter. Leonard is the club contact with DAC.

**Annual Meeting October 22 6:00 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

The program will be on Raptors presented by North Sky Raptor.

Pot luck

Officers: Leonard will seek officers and board members for election to fill vacant seats.  
Kirk will put this in September newsletter and do a PR posting before the meeting.

**Christmas Bird Count:**

Kirk will put this information in the newsletter along with the dates and the leaders in each area.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45