

GRAND TRAVERSE AUDUBON BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2023
THIRLBY ROOM TADL

Attendees: Kathy Flegel, Kirk Waterstripe, Mary MacDowell, Leonard Graf, Kathie Wiley, Karen Casebeer
Absent: Sharon Benjay, Even Reister

President Flegel called the meeting to order at 10:38 am.

Minutes

Minutes from the November 10, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as sent after a motion by Kathie Wiley and a second by Kirk Waterstripe. An approved copy will be sent to Don Flegel for the website.

Treasurer Report

Kathie Wiley reported a balance of \$4,136.54 in the G.T. Audubon Main Account and \$1206.15 in the Walter Hastings Account for a Grand Total of \$5342.69. GTAC current membership stands at 110.

Kathie will send letters to Bird Alert members with unpaid dues and if still unpaid by the end of February, Mary will remove them from Bird Alert.

A discussion was held about how lifetime members are designated and that may be formalized in future bylaw updates at our next meeting.

Whether GTAC is a nonprofit was brought up and Mary will follow-up on how GTAC might qualify for non-profit status.

Members explored whether the membership directory should be made public and if people could choose to opt out of that continued dissemination. This will be further considered as part of the bylaws discussion.

Budget

Kathie distributed the Proposed 2023 Budget for GTAC. Members went through the proposed line items and made the following confirmations, deletions, or amendments:

Brochures: delete

Annual Meeting Venue: \$60 (no change)

Annual Meeting Speaker \$200 (no change)

Terry's Speaking Engagement March \$100 (no change)

Mailing Supplies \$100 (no change)

Publicity \$100 (upped from \$50)

Honorariums \$300 (no change)

Bank Fee (checks) \$20 (no change)

Good Deeds Donations \$300 (upped from \$100)

GT Regional Land Conservancy (delete; now included in Good Deeds Donations)
Nature Center Donation (delete; now included in Good Deeds Donations)
Bird Seed Donation to BRNC \$150 (reduced from \$300)
Domain Name \$25 (upped from \$19)
Domain Name Privacy \$25 (upped from \$14)
Hospitality \$100 (new item added)
Total Expenditures \$1480 (reduced from \$1496)

Kirk moved to present the proposed budget to the membership. Leonard seconded.
Motion passed.

2023 Programs

Programs are currently set for January through April as follows:

January: Kevin Breen Costa Rica

February: Mary Ellen Newport Learning about Birds through Art

March: Terry Graybill Big Year in Michigan

April: Alison Vilag Adventures of the Boreal Bird Counter

September, October, and November remain open. Kathy Flegel will follow-up on the McKeens, Holly Vaughn, and Raptor counters at the Straits. Kirk suggested we all think about ideas for fall programs. **Plan to firm up these final programs by the end of February.**

Kirk added two walks to the list:

March 18 Logans Landing 9 am

April 14 Woodcocks Silver Lake around sunset

It was brought up that Pat O'Connor is ready to purchase a laptop for the club.

Kathie moved to amend the proposed budget by adding one final item:

Software Subscription \$100

This addition increased the proposed budget total to \$1580. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 12:35 pm was approved.