

## Audubon Board Meeting 9/25/2025

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present: John Imboden, Jenny Young, Jared Gugnitz, Kirk Waterstripe, Kathy Flegel
  - b. Absent: Kathie Wiley
3. Treasurer Report
  - a. Main Account: 1107.05
  - b. WH: 3482.31
  - c. CD: 2136.69
  - d. Total - 6726.26
  - e. Outstanding expenditures of about \$1000 upcoming
  - f. Treasurer's report approved. Motioned by Kirk, seconded by Jenny, none opposed
4. Member meeting ideas for next year
  - a. March Meeting
    - i. Max Henschel from Michigan Audubon presentation about MOTUS towers?
  - b. April meeting
    - i. Kirk has a bunch of bird related haiku for National Poetry month
    - ii. Daniel Bernard - contacted us to give a presentation on his big year
  - c. Butterfly presentation – Maybe January or February
    - i. Kristin from NMC may be able to do a butterfly presentation – “Managing for Monarchs”
    - ii. The Dikehouses from Mackinac tag monarchs, maybe they would be interested
  - d. Steve Jessmore is a bird photographer. Maybe we could pay him to come out in October and show some of his photos, which might be a good draw for the voting meeting
  - e. Mack Straights Raptor Watch – Jenny to reach out to see if they are interested
  - f. Getting the most out of ebird
  - g. Travelogues
    - i. Jenny – Peru
    - ii. Others?
  - h. Insect Themed night
    - i. Ticks
  - i. Scott Sneed – Gull ID – Maybe January or February
5. Field Trips
  - a. Birdathon – raising money for MOTUS tower
  - b. Bird Banding demonstration/field trip – do we know anyone who might be able to do this? Bill Scharf? Craig Campau? Nate Crane and Matt Winkler? Jenny to reach out and see if they are interested/available.

- c. Arcadia Marsh in March – Jenny
  - d. Sunday Bird Walks
    - i. It's important to keep these going as an entry point for the public
    - ii. Attendance has been low lately
    - iii. We have a good crew of leaders now to share the load
  - e. Sportsman's park – Need to ask if Curt Hofer is willing to do this
  - f. UP Trip – maybe we should drop this as a scheduled trip
  - g. Birds, Bikes, and Brews – In conjunction with Toledo Zoo. Birders from Toledo area come up and ride bikes around and visit wineries
  - h. Botanical Gardens – would they be open to a partnership? Maybe they could talk about landscaping that benefits birds. Maybe Matt Winkler would be interested?
  - i. Bug nights in the summer
  - j. Frog, Toad, Snakes trip
  - k. Tawas trip in May
    - i. This should be in the January newsletter to allow for people to book accommodations ahead of time
6. Michigan Audubon conference recap
- a. Started with a round of team building activities to help everyone get to know each other
  - b. Engaging the next generation
    - i. Focus on what is important to younger generations, but it was a little short on specifics. Bird by bird program targeted to younger birders. (<https://www.michiganaudubon.org/learn/bird-by-bird/>)
  - c. Max Henschel gave a presentation on MOTUS towers and also talked about ebird.
7. Meeting night change
- a. 58% want the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 42% want the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
  - b. Motion made by Kirk and 2<sup>nd</sup>ed by John to move the membership meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, based on the results of the survey.
8. Partnership with GTRLC
- a. Angie Beaumont from GTRLC has proposed that our club do bird monitoring at their Mitchell Creek property
  - b. We would have to decide on a limited number of observers to consistently conduct 10 minute surveys at spots GTRLC will define.
  - c. They also asked for help finding Hawk and Owl nests on new properties they acquire, but we may not have the resources to effectively provide this service.
9. Power Island Survey
- a. Scott Swan has requested that we conduct another audit next June
10. Waterbird Conference is next week
- a. Friday field trips
    - i. Vince C is taking a group to whitefish point
    - ii. Curt and Jenny are taking a group to Sleeping Bear Dunes
  - b. Those field trips are the extent of our obligation for this conference as far as we know.

11. October general meeting is at NMC with Alison Vilag
12. Kathy to talk to Kathie about updating the quote at the top of our website.
13. Next Meeting is Nov 13<sup>th</sup> in the Thirlby room (we decided to skip the October meeting).  
Kathy to ask Ron if he is available to join us.
14. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.