

Audubon Board Meeting 8/6/2026

1. Meeting called to Order at 7:07 PM by John Imboden
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present –Kathie Wiley, Kirk Waterstripe, Kathy Flegel, Jenny Young, John Imboden, Ron McCullick (phone)
 - b. Absent – Jared Gugnitz
3. Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes unanimously accepted
4. Consideration of the Agenda
 - a. Board membership for 2027
 - b. GTAC newsletter – member spotlight; perhaps Cody?
5. Treasurer's and Membership Report - Kathie
 - a. Kathie submitted annual LARA to state (\$20)
 - b. Domain name privacy and monitoring fee paid (\$17)
 - c. Balances
 - i. Main – \$ 3745
 - ii. WH –\$ 3520
 1. \$1852 of this is from 2026 birdathon, and will be donated to the Long-eared Owl project (there may be some changes to this given some overpayments that need to be reimbursed)
NOTE: we will bundle this with any money we raise at Friday Night and silent auction (if we do this). One tag is \$3500
 - iii. CD – \$2,208
 - iv. Total in all accounts - \$9473
 - d. Treasurer's report unanimously accepted
6. Membership report
 - a. 142 members total currently (8 joined since June)
7. Old Business
 - a. Monthly Meetings
 - i. September 10, 7 pm – Avian flu (Paul Coussens). We will also have Boardman River Nature discuss what they do per their request (also will inform about an upcoming bond issue on November election, but cannot provide a stance on this issue).
 - ii. October 8: North Sky Raptor Center and annual elections
 1. Ron still has not heard from GTRLC to see if we can host the event there. Back-up plan is Ron's church and worst case, we will meet at Boardman Nature Center.
 2. Note: John will be traveling on this date, Kirk may not be available either
 - iii. November 12 – Linda Woods from Grand Traverse Band. Kathie will confirm with her.
 - iv. December 10 – member photo night
 - b. Auction or Raffel for the few items already collected
 - i. Targeting October meeting and board agreed to go with raffle vs. auction.
 1. Have some raffle tickets, but Kathie may need to buy some more
 2. Jenny will put notification in newsletter
 - ii. Kathie was able to secure item donations from McGough's, Wild Birds Unlimited, and Men's Shed

- c. MAS conference – Sept 19 in Lansing. John confirmed Jared is attending.
- 8. Fall Outings
 - a. August bird walks are scheduled.
 - b. Sept
 - i. 6 - Kirk
 - ii. 13 - Kathie
 - iii. 20 - Jenny
 - iv. 27 – Maryellen (kid bird walk)
 - c. Oct
 - i. 4 – Jenny
 - ii. 11 – Kathie
 - iii. 18 – Kirk (Glen Haven)
 - d. Board agreed not to archive GTAC mentions in local media.
- 9. Board membership for 2027: John is happy to stay on as President. Kirk is stepping aside (so Member at Large open). Jenny will do Publicist. Ron to take on Treasurer. Kathie W will take on VP. Jared had mentioned previously he is ok staying on as Secretary; Kathie will confirm. Kathy F will stay on as previous President.
 - a. Jenny will put notification in next newsletter
- 10. Upcoming Board Meetings (all in Study Room D at Library)
 - a. September 3rd
 - b. Oct 1st
 - c. Nov 5th
 - d. Note: Kirk to invite Steve who started Rock Club “kids division” to share learnings; perhaps once new Member at Large identified
- 11. Adjournment at 8:16 PM.

Appendix A: Suggested amendments to our bylaws

Under Article 3 – Affilitaion

The Club is organized as a 501c3 as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. As such, it is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to the members thereof, or to any private shareholder or individual other than for the purpose of reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the club.

No substantial part of Club activities shall consist of attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Club participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for political office.