

Audubon Board Meeting 9/3/2026

1. Meeting called to Order at 6:09 PM by John Imboden
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present –Kathie Wiley, Kathy Flegel, John Imboden, Ron McCullick, Jared Gugnitz
 - b. Absent – Jenny Young, Kirk Waterstripe
3. Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes unanimously accepted
4. Consideration of the Agenda
 - a. Need to get the laptop back from Kirk before the end of the year
5. Introductory Comment
 - a. GT Conservation District will be taking 10 minutes of the next member meeting to talk to the members about their organization
6. Treasurer's Report- Kathie
 - a. Balances
 - i. Main – \$ 3,587.16
 - ii. WH –\$ 3,580.45 (includes Owl Tracking Fund dollars)
 - iii. CD – \$2,213.96
 - iv. Total in all accounts - \$9,381.57
 - v. Owl Tracking fund amount is \$1,812.23, so the WH fund balance without the Owl tracking funds is \$1,768.22.
 - b. Upcoming Known Expenses – \$525.00
 - c. Treasurer's report unanimously accepted
7. Membership report
 - a. Big spike on our website traffic after Nate's Gull Island trip
 - b. Audubon had a big presence at the recent NWS program. Kathie sent a thank you note to NWS for allowing our members to attend for free. We also had a spike in website traffic
 - c. 138 members total currently: 126 yearly, 5 lifetime, 7 officers
8. Venue for October
 - a. Ron to follow up on getting a larger room. If nothing else, we can just use the normal Boardman Center location
9. Open Board position
 - a. We need to find a new Member at Large. Kathy to try to drum up some interest among the membership at the next meeting.
10. Raffle
 - a. December Meeting – plan to do an item by item raffle, with people putting their tickets in a bin for whichever item(s) they want.
11. Rock Club
 - a. tabled
12. T shirts
 - a. tabled
13. GT Humanist speaker request
 - a. GT Humanist Club is interested in having a speaker from the GT Audubon Club to discuss whatever topic they would like related to birds for about 45 minutes. Do we have anyone who would want to do this? Ron and Kathy are potentially interested. Kathie to get more details about the proposed dates.
14. Old Business

- a. Leadership conference Sept 19
 - i. Jared and Eli are signed up
 - b. 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
 - iii. November 12 – Linda Woods from Grand Traverse Band
 - iv. December 10 – member photo night/raffle
15. Petoskey Audubon is having a presentation on Birding in the age of AI on sept 8th. Is this something we want to have at a future member meeting?
16. Upcoming Board Meetings (all in Study Room D at Library)
- a. Oct 1st
 - b. Nov 5th
 - c. Dec 3rd
17. Adjournment at 7:09 PM.