

Wabash Valley Audubon Society Board meeting
Grand Traverse Pie Company

March 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:15. Members present were Carissa Lovett, Phil Cox, Nick Brown, Helen Vermillion, Lucinda Berry, Phil Milliren, Shelley Arvin, and Ellen Lunsford.

The minutes from the February 6, 2014 board meeting were approved as corrected. Phil C. made a motion and Nick seconded.

Lucinda gave the Membership Chair report. She is having trouble accessing the website at this time.

Phil M. gave the Treasurer's report. There is \$4,298.59 in the checking account, \$456.96 in the Memorial Fund, \$5,000.00 in CDs, and \$60.00 in cash.

Nick gave the Conservation report. The Rusty Blackbird Spring Migration Blitz will span from March 1st through mid-April. Anyone seeing a Rusty Blackbird is encouraged to report it on eBird.

Carissa gave the Education report. On April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in University Hall at Indiana State University, speaker Joel Greenberg will be presenting on the extinct Passenger Pigeon. His seminar is titled "Echoes of Their Wings: The Passenger Pigeon and Its Legacy".

There was an invasive removal at Dobbs Memorial Grove on February 22nd. There will be two removals in March, on the 22nd and the 29th.

The February/March edition of the NNN will be published before the end of March.

WVAS recently completed events include the February 6th board meeting, Birding with WVAS at Dobbs Memorial Grove Nature Center on February 15th, and the member meeting on February 19th on the topic of "Honey Bees: Endangered Species".

Upcoming board meetings are on April 3rd and May 1st at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. Upcoming WVAS member meetings are March 19th at the Vigo County Public Library ("Rescuing Our Reptiles"), the April 16th banquet ("Migratory Birds of Goose Pond FWA: Global Conservation Significance"), and the May 21st Member Picnic. Phil M. made a motion to not have an auction at the April banquet this year, and Helen seconded. The motion carried.

The Great May Day Bird Count is on May 10th. Dates for Birding with WVAS at Dobbs Memorial Grove Nature Center are March 15th, April 5th, and May 31st.

Upcoming Earth Days for which the WVAS needs volunteers will be at Indiana State University on April 16th, and at the White Violet Center for Eco-Justice at St. Mary of the Woods College on April 26th.

We currently have 186 'likes' on Facebook. We are still in need of a Hospitality Chair.

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.; Helen motioned and Phil C. seconded. The next meeting is on Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Traverse Pie Company.