

## FRIENDS OF THE BLUEBIRDS

October 22, 2006

28 present

- Treasurers report, Vona Cochrane - Bank Balance \$733.80
- Line Manager's Report, Bob Andrews: suggestions for checking bluebirds, displayed a box used to discourage sparrows (tips downward)
- Retirements – Shirley Neudorf, Souris; Inez Slimmon, Oak Lake and Jack Webb (not making boxes any more).
- New Members: one from Souris and one from Camp Hughes
- Barry discussed his concerns over discouraging tree swallows from nesting in the bluebird boxes.
- Raccoons – bluebirds don't like 2" wide extensions but are ok with the 1" size.
- NABS – information available about 2007 convention
- Lending Library – be sure to sign out books and return when done with them.
- Barry has a hand-out with Internet sites
- Report on Ivory-billed Woodpecker: No more good sightings in Arkansas since 2004 but 14 sightings in Florida in 2006.
- Mealworm starter kits available from Barry after meeting. Good feed for wild birds.
- A teacher from the Mayfair Hutterite Colony is monitoring 80 boxes and taking along her kindergarten class when checking boxes.
- 2006 Summer Results
- Door Prizes.

Secretary,

Barbara Pettinger