

Friends of the Bluebirds Fall Meeting
October 19, 2014
Riverbank Discovery Centre, Brandon

The fall meeting of the Friends of the Bluebirds was held at the Riverbank Discovery Centre in Brandon on Sunday, October 19th 2014 with 24 Bluebirders in attendance.

Chairman Herb Goulden called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and welcomed everyone.

Agenda was distributed to all.

MOTION: DANARD, Barry /Hamell, Gord – that the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Minutes from the spring meeting were distributed.

MOTION: GUMACHE, Luc/Barclay, Ken – that the minutes be accepted as distributed.
CARRIED

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan McTavish. Bank balance is \$856.00. Joan indicated that she wishes to retire as treasurer.

MCTAVISH, Joan/Blain, Ellen – that the financial report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Line Report – Ken Barclay. Thanks to Herb for all boxes made. Line near Maple Leaf needs someone – 30 – 35 boxes. Also a line south of Kemnay is open.

Data Summary Sheet - Luc Gamache All data collected by our members is forward to NABS; very important to turn in your annual reports. Suggested we initiate a newsletter again.

Herb stressed the importance for members to volunteer for positions if we wish to carry on. Friends of the Bluebirds is the best monitoring of wildlife in the Province. Also need to encourage more young people to join.

Membership - Ellen reported on membership. Membership is 93 names; 62 of those are active; 22 are friends – interested but having no line; and 9 have boxes which they don't monitor and don't submit an annual report but do clean out. We have 7 new members.

NABS Report – Barry Danard Convention is in Boise, Idaho next June and in Lacombe, Alberta the following year. Membership forms at back for anyone interested. Barry to order educational bluebird video for spring meeting. We have received \$159.00 from licenses and permits this year.

Website Update – Rob Shearer – could use more pictures; needs to get box design on website.

Bluebird Line Mapping – Rob Shearer – 10 lines are GPS marked.

Library Report – Colleen Barclay - Have a new book, Studying Eastern Bluebirds. There is a list with book of members interested in reading, pass onto next on list when done.

Open Forum

Members relayed their experiences over the season. Draws were made for door prizes.

Joan McTavish has agreed to carry on as treasurer until spring meeting as Herb will have Credit Union statements forwarded to his home computer.

Spring Meeting – April 26th, 2015

Business meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. followed by refreshments and conversation.

Linda Boys
Secretary