

Friends of the Bluebirds Fall Meeting
October 18, 2015
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 18th, 2015 with 26 Bluebirders in attendance.

Chairman Herb Goulden called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He acknowledged the efforts of: **Ken Barclay**, Line Manager, **Linda Boys**, Secretary, **Joan McTavish**, Treasurer, **Luc Gamache**, Data Coordinator, **Ellen Blain**, Membership, **Erica Alex**, Newsletter Production, **Colleen Barclay**, Librarian, and **Marg Hammell**, post meeting lunch coordinator.

MOTION: Marg York/Barry Danard – that the **agenda** be approved as presented. CARRIED.

Minutes from the spring meeting were distributed.

MOTION: Rosalie Sigurdson / Ken Barclay that the minutes be approved. CARRIED.

Financial Report: In the absence of Joan McTavish, Herb Goulden reported we have a bank balance in the neighbourhood of \$800, but a detailed and accurate report will be given at the spring meeting.

Treasurer's position: Colleen Barclay volunteered her services in this capacity.

MOTION: Barry Danard/Ray Pettinger That Colleen Barclay assume the duties of Treasurer for The Friends of The Bluebirds as of this date. CARRIED

Line Manager's Report: Ken Barclay read a couple of interesting articles from the Bluebird magazine. Herb built about 170 boxes this year and has a few in at his home now. He will continue building them as orders come in. Please call or e-mail him if you need boxes. Ken Barclay has also built some boxes.

Monitoring Data Report: Luc Gamache has received about half of the Summary Sheets. He distributed a sheet showing the 2015 results to date and previous years' results for comparison.

Membership Report sent by Ellen Blain:

- 97 members, 64 monitors, 76 lines
- 5 new members – Colin Blyth; Rhonda Mathers; Frank, Joanne & Andrew Nichols; Roland Vane --all from Brandon and Linda Pearn from Winnipeg
- Ellen noted that our Friends of the Bluebirds group was founded in 1976, so 2016 will be the 40th Anniversary. NABS (North American Bluebird Society) didn't form until 1978.
- Those wishing to become a member of Friends of the Bluebirds should get in touch with Ken Barclay or Ellen Blain.

NABS Report: Barry handed in \$175 received from Hunting Permits. He had forms available for joining NABS. The 2016 NABS Conference will be held at Ellis Farm near Lacombe, Alberta.

Website update and Line Mapping: Herb noted that not much was happening, as there is a lot of outdated material on the site. Rob Shearer has been short of time in working on this matter due to job commitments. There were suggestions from the membership that GPSing every box was a waste of

time as we often move the boxes. It was suggested only the start and end positions and a few way points between be selected for GPS readings.

Library Report: Colleen Barclay noted that book borrowing was on the honour system and one book in particular was being circulated at this time.

Newsletter: Erica Alex said that the Newsletter is on-going and will be available when there is enough material submitted.

Open Forum: Several 2015 bluebirding experiences and results were shared.

New Chair Person: Herb Goulden has completed his three year term and Gord Hammell volunteered for one year, with Herb co-chairing the Spring Meeting with him.

MOTION: Barry Danard/Ray Pettinger That Gord Hammell assume the position of Chair Person with Herb Goulden as Co-chair for the Spring 2016 meeting. CARRIED

Other Business:

- **MOTION** – Lorelie Mitchell / Gord Hammell - that door prizes be volunteer donations and that there be no canvassing for same. CARRIED.
- It was the general consensus of the meeting that two meetings per year is good.

Door Prizes: Many door prizes were distributed.

Spring Meeting – April 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., Riverside Discovery Centre.

MOTION: Luc Gamache moved the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments and conversation followed.

Barbara Pettinger
Acting Secretary