

## **AUSABLE VALLEY AUDUBON (AVA) MEETING**

**May 13, 2025**

Oscoda Baptist Church, Oscoda  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

### **ATTENDEES:**

Board Members Present:

Bill Roth, President  
Kathy Swindlehurst, Vice President  
Dawn Hooper, Treasurer  
Amy Kohlhepp, Secretary  
Nancy Myers, Member at Large

Absent: None

Sign-up sheet was presented to members at Welcome Table, a quorum was present. Forty people attended.

Guests Present: None

### **MEETING SUMMARY/DISCUSSION**

At approximately 6:02 pm, the Au Sable Valley Audubon gathered for a monthly meeting.

#### **BIRD SIGHTINGS:**

Eastern wood Pewee, Ruby Throated Hummingbird, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole, Sora, Virginia Rail, White faced Ibis (Shiawassee SWR), Common Tern, Chimney Swift, Black throated Green Warbler, Black Throated Blue Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Chestnut-Sided Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Tennessee and Nashville Warbler, Dunlin, Least Sandpiper, White Throated and White Crowned Sparrow, Purple Martin, Brewer's Blackbird, Winter Wren, Indigo Bunting, Red Headed Woodpecker, Loon, Roughed Grouse, Red Shafted Flicker

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report provided by Dawn Hooper.

The Chapter has \$5,990 in account, \$1,500 of which is a special fund for Bird City. Motion was made to accept report by Kathy Swindlehurst seconded by Amy Kohlhepp and passed unanimously.

#### **Minutes Report:**

Minutes from the March 11, 2025, meeting were read by Pam Carter. Motion was made to accept report by Amy Kohlhepp, seconded by Dee Morand and passed unanimously.

EM'S BIRD LESSON OF THE DAY: Plant native plants to support insects and birds. Examples are dogwood, viburnum and coneflower. Look at tags to see where the plant originated.

## **ELECTIONS**

**Vice President:** Tim Morand nominated Pam Carter for Vice President. Amy Kohlhepp seconded. Pam Carter accepted nomination. Membership voted and it was unanimous in support of Pam.

The Vice President in a 501(c)3 is second-in-command and often oversees specific areas such as developing the agendas. The VP supports the President and may step in to lead in their absence, ensuring the organization's mission is carried out effectively. They also contribute to the organization's financial stability, community outreach, and overall growth.

**Treasurer:** Dawn Hooper acted for the past year. Kathy Swindlehurst nominated Dawn Hooper for the position and Peggy Ridgway seconded. Dawn accepted the nomination, membership voted unanimously in support of Dawn.

The treasurer's duties in a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization involve oversight of the organization's financial affairs and ensuring its financial stability. This includes managing budgets, generating financial reports, and providing financial oversight to the board of directors.

**Member at Large:** Amy Kohlhepp nominated Jill Laidlaw as Member at Large, Susan Davis seconded. Jill Laidlaw accepted nomination and membership voted unanimously to support Jill in the role.

Member at Large duties in a 501(c)3 nonprofit focus on the organization's overall governance, strategic direction, and financial oversight, alongside other responsibilities shared by all board members. This includes attending meetings, serving on committees, donating to the organization, and supporting board decisions. For AVA, the member at large is involved in special projects and helping for meeting setup.

**Bird City Status:**

Pam Carter and Jill Laidlaw went to the Iosco County Commissioner's meeting to present Bird City. The county supports and will be voting on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in support of Bird City Status. The Iosco Parks and Recreation Department, along with Huron Pines are going to partner with us to achieve requirements.

Meeting Adjourned by motion.

Field Trip was conducted afterwards, which was led by Matt Hegwood for whippoorwills.