

AUSABLE VALLEY AUDUBON (AVA) MEETING

April 14, 2026

Oscoda Senior Center

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board Members Present:

Bill Roth, President

Dawn Hooper, Treasurer

Amy Kohlhepp, Secretary

Jill Laidlaw, Member at Large

Absent:

Pam Carter, Vice President

Sign-up sheet was presented to members at Welcome Table; 21 people in attendance; a quorum was not present. Lots of flooding in area.

Guests:

None

MEETING SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

Regular monthly meeting called to order at 3:02 pm.

BIRD SIGHTINGS:

Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pectoral Sandpiper, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Broad-winged Hawk, Short-eared Owls, Snow Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Wilson Snipe, Gray Catbird, White Pelicans, Common Redpoll, Sandhill Cranes, Eastern Towhee, Wood Duck, Pine Siskin

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report provided by Dawn Hooper. The chapter balance is \$4,990.51. Report approved by Motion.

Minutes Report:

Minutes from the March meeting were read by Amy Kohlhepp. Minutes were approved by Motion.

JILL'S BIRD LESSON OF THE DAY:

Snags are good. If you have a dead tree, a tree company can help do things to preserve the snag yet make it safe (such as taking off branches). Other things can be done with snags to make more habitat.

Presentations:

Huron Pines is having a dedication at Hull Island and provided an overview of Lake Huron For Ever by Donnette Spiekerman and Sam Burckhardt.

Things in Nature that are concerning to the Public by Amy Kohlhepp (Foam, Bryozoan Colonies, Whiting Events, Bacteria and Slimes, Pollen)

Old Business:

- Membership Directory – please indicate if you want to be in it (on the sign-up sheet).

New Business:

- Sarah Humphreys presented about being a Piping Volunteer Monitor and presented plans for the Tawas Bird Fest, if interested call her 703-402-8041
- Bird Migration Fest Overview of plans – Amy Kohlhepp, Jill Laidlaw, Bill Roth
- Bird City Signs are going up soon – Tawas, Oscoda, Hale and Alabaster
- Bird of Alaska Presentation on April 23rd at 4:30 pm Oscoda's Robert Parks Library – by Amy Kohlhepp
- MDOT Highway Cleanup is Wednesday, April 22nd. Contact Bill Roth
- May 2nd, at Hale Library Pam Carter is going to present Birding 101.
- Annual Board elections are coming up at May meeting. President and Secretary positions are up for voting. If you have someone in mind or are interested, please nominate them or have someone nominate you. Any questions, please contact the Board.
- Next meeting is May 12 at Oscoda Senior Center. Time Change to 5:00. Bring dish to pass and table settings. Bird walk beforehand on trail behind the Senior Center.

Meeting Adjourned by motion.