

AUSABLE VALLEY AUDUBON (AVA) MEETING

September 8, 2026

Oscoda Senior Center

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board Members Present: Bill Roth, President; Dawn Hooper, Treasurer; and Amy Kohlhepp, Secretary

Absent: Pam Carter, Vice President; Jill Laidlaw, Member at Large

Sign-up sheet was presented to members at Welcome Table; 39 Members and 8 guests were present. A quorum was present.

Guests: Gary E. Vanston (Surf and Sand), Linda Rosa (Surf and Sand), Denise Bronson (Surf and Sand); Karrie Bachman, Jennifer from Oscoda, Tom Slabodian, Ann and Robert Oats (AuSable Point), Craig Perry and Mike.

MEETING SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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

BIRD SIGHTINGS:

Brewster's warblers, King Rail, Buff Breasted Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, American White Pelican

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report provided by Dawn Hooper. The chapter balance is \$7,580 with Chamber dues still being owed. Recently paid includes LARA fee (501c3) and Bird City fee (\$200). Report approved by Motion.

Minutes Report:

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

Jill's Lesson of the Day

Provided by Em. Differences between Crows and Ravens

Presentation – Piping Plovers by Nick Theisen, Huron Pines

- Bios Blanc Island, AuSable Point, Tawas Point and Oscoda
- 515 Volunteer Hours, 281 Sessions
- Most hours by Konnie Spenceley (over 100), next by Bill Roth (in 40's) and then Jenny Peterson (also in 40s)

MOTION: To donate \$200 to Huron Pines for Plover Administration. Motion made by Bill Roth, seconded by Amy Kohlhepp. Passed 28/39.

Old Business:

- August Potluck was well attended at Warrior's Pavillion
- Swift Night Out had about 30 participants. Lead/presentation by Larry VanWagner. Participants met at Bookish, had great snacks which were provided by Bookish. Participants met at the hospital chimney. About 250 to 300 swifts were counted.

New Business:

- Kirtland's Warbler calendars can be purchased at the US Forest Service for \$20 each, made of children's artwork.
- Bags are being sold to benefit Housing in Uganda
- AVA dues are being collected \$20 family/\$15 single
- Upcoming Fall Library Series at Harrisville Library
- M-55 Cleanup is approaching, watch for e-mail
- Owl Appreciation Campfire, shooting for October 17th (day before or after weather depending) at Wagner's home again in Hale; watch e-mail.
- Please recycle.



Board Election: Secretary and President (2-year terms)

Bill Roth was nominated for re-election as President by Sarah Humphries, seconded by Amy Kohlhepp. Re-appointment was approved unanimously.

Amy Kohlhepp was nominated for re-election for Secretary by Bob Wagner and seconded by Sarah Humphries. Re-appointment was approved unanimously.

Next meeting is October 13th, 3:00 pm at Tawas Senior Center. Presentation is Loons by Pam Carter.

Meeting Adjourned by motion.