

## **Minutes Sept 8, 2021 SAAS Meeting**

Attendance: 35 people attended, including 31 members and 4 guests. 14 attended in person at the Library, while 21 participated by Zoom.

Derek Shiels, Director of Stewardship at Little Traverse Conservancy spoke to the group on the efforts of LTC to preserve land in Cheboygan County. He emphasized the varied impacts on nature and the multiple ways that they protect land. The distinction was made between Preserves and Reserves with different ways of protecting the beauty, diversity and recreational use. The importance of baseline data was emphasized to note changes due to climate change and other threats to our lands. In Cheboygan County almost 20,000 acres are under the management of LTC. Use of citizen scientists are an important and increasing part of the program to identify unique features in our area. Derek donated his speaker's fee to LTC.

Jim Bricker announced the upcoming October program "Water, Trees & Stone: A Mill Creek Story" by Kyle Bagnall on October 13, 2021.

Herm Boatin, Current President, presided over the election of officers.

### **Elected were:**

**Past President - Herm Boatin**

**President - Dale Giddings**

**Vice-president - Jim Bricker**

**Treasurer - Rosanne Rynerson**

**Secretary - Available. Until filled, minutes prepared by available volunteers.**

**(See Secretarial signup below)**

**Michigan Audubon Society Representative - Karen Busch**

**Member-at-Large - Tammy Noirot**

### **Other Key Positions:**

**Field Trip Coordinators - Jean and Al Moberly (until December 30)**

**Nature Sightings - Bev Kirby**

**Greeters - Available**

**Raffle - Dale Landes**

**Chirp or Cheap Table - Dale Giddings**

**Refreshments - Available. Until filled, food welcome from anyone.**

**Website - Dennis Fay**

**Facebook - Eileen Martini with input from anyone**

**Historian - Available. Until filled, files kept by Kathy Bricker**

We need secretarial volunteers! It involves taking very basic notes on a template designed by Diane Matthews. Easy-Peasy! Call Jean or Al at 268-9726 or 268-8278 to fill a month. Do it now!

September – Jean and Al Moberly

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November – Diane Morand

December – Jean and Al Moberly

January – NEEDED

February – NEEDED

March – NEEDED

April – Diane and Glen Matthews

May – NEEDED

Nature Sightings by Bev Kirby. The following sightings were noted in our area: Hummers eating fruit flies, Piliated Woodpeckers, Red Bellied Woodpeckers, Green Heron and likely Black Rail, American Badger. Three peacocks were also seen in our area though thought to be invasive with a death wish. Farther downstate Tree Swallows were seen.

Hawkwatch figures were presented and are impressive. So far 719 migrating birds and over 1000 Monarchs have been counted.

Rose presented a treasurers report with a total membership count of 114. Dues are coming in as a result of a mailing a few weeks ago.

Minutes by substitute Secretary Jean Moberly.

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