

Hot Springs Village Audubon Society
Hot Springs Village, AR December 11, 2015

President, Richard Kroetz opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Coronado Center. He welcomed 60 members and guests.

Minutes by Judith Rosenthal and Financial Reports by Sue Lopez were posted for the membership.

Committee Reports:

Field Trips and Sightings: Vic Prislipsky reported the November trip to Magness Lake was a big success with the sighting of 65 Trumpeter Swans.

The Great Backyard Bird Count will be in February. Counts of waterfowl will be done on Village lakes. There will be more information later.

There is the possibility of a trip to Crystal Bridges in the Spring. More later.

Sightings: Common Loon, Bald Eagle, Mockingbird at feeder, Lewis Woodpecker, Golden Eye.

Bird ID Workshop: Vic reported the classes will be held the first 4 Tuesdays in March. More later.

Christmas Bird Count: Chris Cash reported the big day is coming Monday December 14. There are 5 Field teams and 1 Feeder watcher team. Tabulation dinner will be the following night at Whitman's American Grill.

Nominating Committee: Chris Cash thanked Kathy Jurek and Carolyn Minson for their work on the Nominating Committee.

Election of New Officers: Chris and Richard reported.

Those nominated are

President:	Chris Cash
Vice President:	Diane Condon
Secretary:	Laurel Gunderson
Treasurer:	Katheleen Baal

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership to accept the above slate of officers for 2016.

Program: Richard introduced Jonathan Wirges who gave a talk on DeGray Lake Eagles, waterfowl and activities. Jonathan attended one of the early Halberg Ecology Camps on a scholarship from Hot Springs Village Audubon Society.

The next meeting will be January 8, 2016. William (Bear) Starr will present a program on Frogs and Toads.

Meeting adjourned.

Judith Rosenthal, Secretary