

Hot Springs Village Audubon Society Minutes
February 12, 2016

Past President Richard Kroetz opened the February meeting in lieu of President Chris Cash who is currently in Australia. Meeting time was 10:00 am at the Coronado Center with 85 attendees present.

The Minutes for January and the current Treasurer's report are posted for the membership's approval.

Committee Reports:

A. Field Trips and Sightings reported by Vic Prislipsky. The Great Backyard Bird Count changed to Monday, February 15, starting at Balboa Beach at 8:30 am. This year we are concentrating on water fowl. GBBC continues Friday, Saturday and Sunday and members were urged to take part.

Sightings: Robins, Blue winged teal, Great Horned Owl, Cedar Waxwings, Yellow Rumped Warblers, Barred Owl was heard, Bald Eagles, and a rare Brambling sighted in North Little Rock.

B. Bird Seed Sales begin now with order forms on the back table. The prices are the same but the Condon's have passed the job on to Tom Sackett and Wayne Krone. Pick up is to be on Friday March 25 and Saturday March 26 at 7 Sergio Lane.

C. Birding Classes will be held the four Tuesdays in March. Signup sheets were on the back table. It is not necessary to attend all meetings.

Teri LeBove spoke of the Halberg Ecology Camp 2016. We will sponsor 10 students at \$350 each—3 Seniors, 1 Advanced, 6 Beginners (2 from each school.)

Vice President Diane Condon introduced Susan Atkins from the Park Service and her program on Snakes – How to Distinguish Poisonous from Non-poisonous Ones. She presented a power point on the Snakes found in Arkansas.

The next meeting will be March 11 and feature Jack Steward and Part 2 of Many Happy Days.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Laurel E. Gunderson, Secretary.