

## Kane County Audubon Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016

Hickory Knolls Discovery Center– St. Charles

Attendance 76

KCA President, Bob Andrini, welcomed new members, guests, and regular members to the November meeting of Kane County Audubon.

**Sightings:** Sharp-tailed grouse, Mountain Bluebird, Green Jay, Aplomado Falcon, Dark-eyed Junco, Pleated Woodpecker, Hudsonian Godwit, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Rufous Hummingbird, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Yellow Palm Warbler, 3 White Pelicans, Sandhill Cranes.

Check the Kane County Audubon website for current sightings.

### **November Meeting Annual Reports:**

Jane McMillan-Treasurer

Kane County Audubon Annual Financial Report

Beginning Balance	1/10/16	\$6,102.27
Income		3,220.01
Expenses		2,359.00
Balance	11/2/16	6,963.28

#### **Income**

Raffle:	\$792.00
Dues	1,890.00
Interest	9.01
Memorials	500.00
Book Sales	29.00

#### **Expenses**

Guest speakers	\$275.00
Copies/Stamps	344.93
BCN dues	100.00
IOS Grant Pgm	200.00
IL Young Birders	100.00
IAS Adams Sanc	200.00
Troop 56 Swift Project	500.00
INHS Cuba Project	50.00
Gull Frolic	100.00
Fayes BBQ Deposit	250.00
Meat for Potluck	179.42
Misc.	59.65

#### **Membership Report**

John Sprovieri Vice President

Increased membership of 5% from 187 to 196 members

16% from St. Charles, 10% Elgin, 10% Aurora, 7% Geneva, 8% Batavia

**New Business:**

1. KCA has had 54 field trips so far with 192 species locally.
2. Jim Heckert is the new IAS director.
3. KCA will be hosting the Spring Fling May 20-22. Preparations are currently being made. Sue Peterson and Jerry Hope are in charge of food. Volunteers for this occasion are needed.
4. Looking for photos to display at the Wasco Nursery in February. Advise Bob Andrini asap if you plan to display your photos.
5. Plans are being made for the Christmas Bird Count.
6. Tim Balassie is co-ordinating the Christmas Bird Count for Youth as well as the Spring Bird Count for Youth.
7. Chris Madsen is the KCA webmaster
8. Sue Peterson is the treat chairwoman for treats. The sign up sheet for treats for KCA meetings is at the back of the room.
9. Rich and Marion Miller reported on the history of the Chimney Swift Project. So far there have been 3 presentations and 3 library presentations. The birds have been nesting at Brunner FP, 3 eggs have hatched and fledged.
10. There is a brochure in the back of the room on making homes for Chimney Swifts.
11. A permit was applied for to salvage nests and feathers for educational purposes.
12. Connor Tidler is planning for the installation of a Chimney Swift tower at the Campton Township Headwaters as his Eagle Project. KCA has donated funds for this project.

**Presentation: River Otters in the Chicagoland Area, by Chris Anchor**

**Treats:** Hewlett Prucher, Sandy Iwanski, Jill Miessler, Marion Miller, John Sprovieri.

**Raffle:** Bag of birdseed, 2 nature puzzles, Kitchen towels with bird toy, tea diffuser, "Thankful For" board with clips, nature notecards and playing cards, suet cakes with suet holder, hand warmers with stuffed snowy owl, nature notecards.

**Walks and events:** Jon Duerr

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Oakhurst FP 8am.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Les Arens FP 8am Nancy

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Jon Duerr FP 8am Glenn

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14, 7 PM @ Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, St. Charles. Guest speaker Tassy Brautigam on Birding the Galapagos, Bob @ 630.584.8386 for more information

**Adjournment:** Nancy Schnaitman, secretary.