

The Village Birders
Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs
March 2020

President's report:

As President, I scheduled and conducted five meetings of the Executive Boar. Together we planned and carried out five regular monthly meetings. During the course of the year I responded to numerous emails and telephone calls regarding the activities and aims of the club. I regularly kept members informed of the club's activities though email. We had an altogether successful year of birding trips and informative and entertaining meetings, until our schedule was unfortunately curtailed in March by the advent of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. I am confident that by Fall we will resume our normal activities.

Bob Martin

Vice President's report:

The primary duties for the past year have been to coordinate the club's participation in the annual Outdoor Expo, and see that notices of the clubs monthly meetings are delivered to The Daily Sun newspaper, and to assist the club President as needed.

The Outdoor Expo was held at La Hacienda rec. ctr. February 22-23. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of 18 club members that manned our booth for the two days, we were able to answer birding questions for numerous Villagers about our club's activities, introduce them to information on our web site, and encourage their participation in our activities. This continues to be an excellent means of outreach for our club. Monthly notices were sent to The Daily Sun including the program for each meeting and the Birding Briefs topic. We receive outstanding coverage from the newspaper for many of our activities, and this is a valuable resource we must continue to cultivate.

Bob Smidt

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's Annual Report 2019

A. United Southern Bank Balance 1-1-2019:			\$2,232.98
B. Income			
1. Membership Dues	\$1,068		
2. Blue Spring Surplus	210		
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	1,278	+	1,278.00
C. Beginning Balance Plus Income:			<hr/>
			\$3,510.98
D. Payments:			
1. Wix.com (website hosting)	\$84.00		
2. Speaker honoraria	1,012.38		
3. 2018 CBC Boat Rental	200.00		
4. Picnic food	151.89		
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		-	1,448.27
Add adjustment Blue Spring 2018		+	250.00
E. United Southern Bank Balance 12-31-2019			<hr/>
			\$2,312.71

Dan Hewins

Bird Walk and Special Events Committee: Marlene Armstrong

This committee, currently consisting of Marlene Armstrong, matches up birding locations and trip leaders. The dates are selected and after approval by the board and trip leaders, a Spring and Fall calendar of birding events is posted. This year we scheduled nineteen birding trips and one Special Event trip to Blue Spring State Park. We also inaugurated a monthly "Meet and Bird" event, going to birding locations within The Villages for an easy two-hour outing. These proved very popular.

Marlene Armstrong

Membership Committee:

As of this date, there are 240 members, 55 of whom are new members. As members were recorded they were notified by e-mail and the Board was also notified.

Many thanks to Laura Eide and Elaine Kersey who generously donated their time at the monthly meetings to help make the membership process run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hansen

Program and Education Committee:

This year we arranged for program speakers for six monthly meetings. We also continued the very popular “Bird Briefings” at each of the monthly meetings. For each of the meetings we maintained contact with the Recreation Center to assure that the room was set up as required and all essential equipment was provided.

Alice Horst