

Minutes of the Twin Lakes Audubon Society (TLAS)

April 12, 2011

7 – 9:00pm

UMHB York Science Building

22 members present

Upcoming Field Trip discussed:

April 23, Saturday. Meet at 8am at the McGregor “Coffee Shop Café”, on HWY 84.

We will visit Sandy and Sue Lowry’s ranch near McGregor. Land has running water, bluffs, and huge trees.

The spring migration window should just be starting.

Business:

Slate of officers is complete and full, except for the Vice President, who traditionally serves two years as VP, before assuming the President duties. Volunteers and Nominees are requested to step forward and see Gil. We will vote at the May meeting on our slate of officers.

Finances:

We are financially sound, with \$6,779.62 in the bank.

Fire west of Marfa, in Fort Davis area:

A report was made on the fire and damage to the Fort Davis area, including the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute (CDRI).

A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to donate \$1,000 to the CDRI.

Personal donations are encouraged as well.

Bird Sightings were shared.

8 pm Program: Black-capped Vireos and Brown-headed Cowbird parasitism

The presenter was Kristin Comolli, Grad student at U. of Illinois. She will do research on Fort Hood, for two years involving responses by the Black-capped Vireos to parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbirds.

Discussion followed.

Plant Give-away: Columbines and other plants were offered to those interested

Refreshments and visiting was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the hosts.

C. Shoop (Secretary)