

## Minutes of the Twin Lakes Audubon Society (TLAS) Meeting

January 10, 2012

7 – 8:45pm

UMHB York Science Building, Belton, TX

22 members present

President Crystal Hammond opened the meeting at 7pm

**Bird Sightings** were shared.

Friendship Park- Granger lake was mentioned to have some whooping cranes.

**Treasurer Report:** we have \$5,997.49 in the account. The Audubon headquarters gave us \$686.50.

**New Vice President** was elected: Bert Pope. We are grateful for his stepping forward.

**Our 2011 Christmas Bird Count** submitted 126 species. The old highest record was 118. Good finds were zone tailed hawk, black phoebe and rough legged hawk. Missing were the sedge and marsh wren.

**Guest speaker and Program: Rich Kostecke**  
**Powerpoint with discussion was led by:**

Rich Kostecke, PhD, State Assoc. Director of Conservation - Research & Planning for The Nature Conservancy of Texas. Rich gave us a presentation on the TNC preserves in Texas and the scientific research being conducted there.

**Saturday's Field trip on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> from 3- 6pm is at the West Range of Ft. Hood.** Gil promises mountain bluebirds, burrowing owls and hooded mergansers.

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

C. Shoop (Secretary)