

Birding Trails Committee

Annual Report

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

During the past year, most of the Birding Trail Committee activity was dedicated to distribution of the Birding Trails of Southeastern Alberta guide book. The committee met two times in 2018, once on May 31st and once on September 13.

Book distribution has been taking place as committee members travel. Close to half of the initial 2500 books have now been distributed. Distribution has been made to various nature centers, museum shops and tourism offices in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Arizona. A few have also gone to Ontario. In some cases the society has received payment from some recipients who received guide books but we have not been actively selling them. The payments received will go toward the cost of any future re-printing of the books.

For the past several months the remaining supply of books have been stored in the C-Cans at Police Point Park.

It is the intention of the committee to approach Canadian Badlands about the possibility of creating on-site identification and amenities at some of the key birding trail destinations. This would need to be done by Canadian Badlands in cooperation with the City of Medicine Hat, and the various counties and towns. Our committee would provide input and guidance if we can secure support and participation in this endeavor.

The current committee membership is made up of Phil Horch, Chairman, Hugh Armstrong, Paul Thibault, John Slater, Milt Spitzer, Rob Gardner (distribution coordinator), and Bob Frew.

Submitted By Phil Horch