

2017Mar\_Audubon\_Meeting\_minutes

Twenty-nine people were present.

John Pierce, Vice-President delivered the Membership Taskforce Report Summary.

Conservation Chair, Lamont Ingalls reported that Bill 442 proposal against fracking is gaining steam but has some opposition.

It will cost 3.2 billion dollars to clean the Indian River. Political will is necessary.

President Picard introduced the guest speaker Gina Holt, Wildaboutbirds.org.

She emphasized the loss of habitat for raptors with physical examples of rescued birds:

Red-shouldered Hawk, North American Kestrel, Barn Owl, Screech Owl.

After thanking this speaker, President Picard gave out two pamphlets for new members. Then, he invited all present to the Annual Pot Luck hopefully outside the Marine Discovery Centre.

Field Trip Chairman, Joe Montpelier invited everyone to meet for a field trip to the Viera Wetlands, Friday, March 10. Also, he donated his \$21 winnings from a draw to Audubon.

Submitted by Jackie H. Myers, Canadian Snowbird.