

President Don Picard welcomed thirty eight in the audience.

Treasurer Bill Cox reported \$2469.24 including \$230 in donations in memory of Richard Dombroski.

Vice President John Pierce described aims of the Membership Committee:

1. Increasing SEVAS active membership rolls.
2. Increasing club turnout for meetings, activities and field trips.
3. Broadening membership profile to include families and youth.
4. Engaging youth and younger populations in birding.

Lamont Ingalls Conservation Report:

Sabal Trail Pipeline Coalition; Improvement of the Volusia IRL; Indian River Lagoon met in Edgewater where the founders are concerned about algae; Concern about fracking; St. John's Water Management taking water out of Silver Spring which now has more nitrogen; Cattle operation 2011 permit now 1.5 million gallons will now allow 50 million.

Joe Montpelier reported the dark news of contaminated water in Lake Apopka that caused managers to resign. Then , he mentioned the field trip to OWP January 13. February 10 will be Merritt Island with the Halifax group. March 10 will be Sierra Wetlands.

President Don Picard noted 139 species for the Christmas Bird Count.

Also, the Great Backyard Bird Count will be February 17-20.

Marine Discovery Center will hold "Protect Our Lagoon Academy" Monday classes for six weeks. Sponsorship is available for three club members at \$50 each.

Lamont introduced the guest speaker, Traci Dean, Esq., Director of the Center for Earth Jurisprudence, Barry University School of Law in Orlando. Her program "The Rights of Nature and the 2017 Florida Constitutional Review" included a video with Clay Henderson. local Audubon member's amendment 1997-98. The commission has a chance to revise every twenty years.