

Draft Minutes NTOS Meeting September 16th, 2021

Welcome!

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Recognize any visitors-one

Secretary – Margie Dunham-Steve Lasley made a motion to accept August 2020 minutes as written. Jane Ward seconded it.

Treasurer - Pam Lasley

Income- \$3,383.10

Expenses- \$88.47

Checking Acct. Balance- \$3,294.63

NTOS Conservation Fund- \$7,021.12

New Members- 3

Field Trip – Aug. 28th field trip - fourteen hardy souls took part in the trip to Shelby Park and Bottoms where we caught the first part of fall migration; including a few warblers like Canada and Magnolia. As the temps quickly climbed into the upper 80's, it turned into more of a butterfly trip! We ended up with 46 total species.

NO September field trip...in lieu of Fall Count.

Watch NewsHawk for announcements about October and November trips.

Old Business:

Fall Bird Count – September 25th. Barbara Harris contact.

Fall Radnor Walks... Many thanks to Pam Lasley, Andy Lantz, Hugh Barger and Tammy Devine/Joe Hall for volunteering to lead. First walk is September 22nd. Meet in the parking lot at the visitor center at 7:30 a.m.

Last call for reviewing the GRANTS procedure...send comment to Pam Lasley or Dick Preston ASAP before October 4th.

Michael Collins is in search of 'new' reporter for the seasons report for Highland Rim and Basin area...previously held by Stephen Zipperer. If interested please contact Cyndi or Michael.

Fall TOS meeting will be a virtual – October 4th at 6 pm central time. Zoom info forthcoming.

2022 Annual Spring TOS Meeting – April 22-24, 2022. Memphis.

Fall 2022 TOS meeting – Kingsport Chapter September 30th – Oct. 2nd.

Audubon's 121st Christmas Bird Count Tuesday, December 14, 2021 through Wednesday, January 5, 2022. **The NTOS Count will take place on Saturday, December 18th.**

Deadline for submissions for the next quarter's NewsHawk is September 15th. Send them to Rick Blanton ASAP.

New Business:

The State of Tennessee's dedication of the new Visitor's Center at Cummins Falls is set for Friday, October 22, 2021, at 2 pm. This new center will be named the *Mack Prichard Visitor Center* in honor of Mack's extensive 50-year career with the State, first as our state archeologist and then as State Naturalist. Reservations are required for the luncheon prior to the dedication. Brochure if interested.

General Announcements –

WOW Birding Festival cancelled due to COVID surge.

Next meeting... October 21st.

Program: Susie Russenberger – Hummingbirds by Cyndi Routledge, Southeastern Avian Research

Meeting ended at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham, secretary