

Draft Minutes NTOS Meeting – October 21, 2021

Welcome!

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

No new visitors

Secretary - Margie Dunham – Pam Lasley made a motion to accept the September 2021 minutes as written. Frank Fekel seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer - Pam Lasley
Income - \$923.00
Expenses - \$876.01
Checking Acct Balance - \$3,341.62
NTOS Conservation Fund - \$6298.90
New Members - 5

Field Trip – Fifteen people attended the Bells Bend trip on Oct.16th November 13th annual pilgrimage to Duck River before most of it closes for sanctuary time. Details are on the NTOS webpage and in your NewsHawk.

Old Business:

Fall Bird Count went well. Good participation and good number of birds. Full report can be seen on the NTOS webpage. Thanks to Barbara Harris for coordinating.

Fall Radnor Walks... Many thanks to Pam Lasley, Andy Lantz, Hugh Barger and Tammy Devine/Joe Hall for volunteering to lead. We had over 85 people attend. Spring walks begin on April 20th. Please consider volunteering to lead.

Michael Collins 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 Routledge or Michael.

Fall TOS meeting was held on October 4th via Zoom. Many thanks to our State Directors and members who attended. Draft minutes from the meeting can be found on the TOS site on the 'About Us' page.

We are happy to announce that after 4 long years the Window Strike joint adventure with Shelby Bottoms and Metro Parks concluded with a reception on October 15th. The building will remain a showcase for what anyone can do to prevent window strikes at their home or business. When you're in the area stop by and take a look at the work that was done. Thanks to Pam Lasley, Melinda Welton, Denise Weyer, Jon-Michael Cassidy for making it happen. On the same note...the pdf for the poster that hangs in Shelby is available to any organization who might have ties to a nature center or place it could hang to educate the public on this important issue.

Mark calendars for the 2022 Annual Spring TOS Meeting – April 22-24, 2022. Memphis. Information about hotel etc...will be in the next Warbler due out in December, on the TOS page and the NTOS page.

Looking further down the road...the 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.** For information contact Cyndi Routledge, coordinator.

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

New Business:

President Biden restored the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to its previous status. Especially
important – making businesses and corporations responsible and liable for any natural
disasters caused by them.

Action Alerts – currently there are a couple import issues that need attention...

- “Bird Safe Building Act” would require new public buildings to meet set
standards for minimizing bird strikes.
- “Saving American Pollinator’s Act” has 64 sponsors in the House and Senate. If
passed it would force FDA to review all pesticides including but not limited to
neonicotinoids
- Phone calls and letters are needed in support of the “Recovering America’s
Wildlife Act.” The Act would provide 1.3 billion dollars annually to state fish and
wildlife agencies, and 97.5 million dollars to Indian Tribal wildlife agencies. The
money will greatly enhance management and conservation of non-game species,
is designed to keep species from needing to be placed on the endangered list.
Please encourage our members to consider contacting our two Senators as well as
their respective Representatives. The Senate version of the Act is S-2372, and
currently has nearly thirty co-sponsors, but unfortunately, none from Tennessee.
The House version is HR 2773, and is still in subcommittee.

General Announcements –

WOW Birding Festival cancelled due to COVID surge.

TWRA Crane Festival at Hiwassee will still take place on Martin Luther King Weekend

Next meeting will be November 18th.

Program: Susie Russenberger – Galapagos, the Enchanted Isles by Jonathan May

Meeting ended at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham

