

Draft minutes NTOS Meeting, January 19th, 2023

President Cyndi Routledge welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

We had 2 visitors this evening.

Secretary – Margie Dunham – As the minutes had not been reported on the website for ongoing maintenance, they were not voted on.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Lasley

Income - \$1,905.00

Expenses - \$420.41

Checking Acct. Balance - \$5,768.50

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$11,279.03

New Member report – Pam Lasley reported there were two new members and one new life member.

Field Trip –

- January field trip - January 21st – Crooked Branch & Peeler Park meet at the Crooked Branch parking lot at 7:00 a.m. (116 Ray Ave, Lakewood, TN). The parking lot is very small, so carpooling is highly encouraged. Once we finish up there, we'll make the short drive over to Peeler Park where we will meet at the Menees Ln. trailhead. We should finish up around lunchtime.
- February field to Robertson County with Tony Lance on February 18th. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts/Shell Station/Wendy's at 7:30 am
- All details for this and all upcoming trips can **always** be found on the NTOS webpage. Nashvillebirds.org and results on our Facebook page and on the listserv – Tn-birds@freelists.org

OLD BUSINESS –

- Thanks to all those who participated in our Christmas counts. Results can be found on our webpage or feel free to email Cyndi Routledge. Results were also posted to TOS listserv tn-birds. In general, the lake count was about average with the land count being lower than average. May 6 will be the Spring Count. Contact Barbara Harris to join in.
- NTOS will be hosting the spring meeting and preparations have begun. The dates are Apr. 28-30 and will take place at the Hampton Inn in Ashland City and at Green Door. Our speaker is Noah Stryker. The deadline for room reservations is March 30th. Danny Shelton will have a sign up sheet for food, etc. for the Friday night reception.
- RAWA – Recovering America's Wildlife Act was not included in the final language of the year end 2023 Omnibus package. The Senate failed to include even though it had By-partisan support and was passed by the House. It is a disheartening loss for nature and Tennessee—in the same week that international negotiators reached an agreement to curb global biodiversity loss—US Congress failed to act!

NEW BUSINESS –

- We have received an invitation from Barfield Crescent Park in Murfreesboro to once again participate in their Conservation Days which will be held on Saturday, May 20th. Cyndi Routledge will be looking for volunteers to sit at the NTOS table.

- And speaking of volunteers...its' time to sign up to lead a Wednesday morning Radnor Lake Spring Migration walk. April 19 & 26 or May 3 & 10. Contact Cyndi Routledge for first pick at a date. Or watch for a request in your email.
- Everyone wished Janeth McKendrick a happy Birthday!

Having no questions, comments, or announcements, Cyndi Routledge introduces Program Director Susie Russenberger.

Program – Joe deGrauw – Nashville Zoo and its Native Songbird Conservation Program

Next meeting – February 16th, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham