

Draft Minutes NTOS Meeting, May 18th, 2023

President Cyndi Routledge welcomed everyone.

The meeting was called to Order at 7:15 p.m.

The President thanked all who participated in the Annual Spring meeting for bringing desserts or helping set-up, clean-up or leading a field trip. She gave a special THANK YOU to our committee – Susan Hollyday, Jane Word, Mary Glynn Williamson, Mike Smith, Danny Shelton, Janeth McKendrick, Margie Dunham, Steve Routledge and Pam Lasley. Each had a job and did it with flair and expertise. The weekend would NOT have been the success it was without each and every one of you.

Please send any pictures of the event for the NewsHawk...reception, field trips, dinner, or Noah's presentation.

Secretary – Margie Dunham (absent) Pam Lasley made a motion to accept the April's minutes as written. Frank Fekel seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Pam Lasley

Income - \$3,706.41

Expenses - \$8,349.21

Checking Acct Balance - \$4,972.26

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$11,465.47

New Member report – Pam Lasley – Five new members

Statement of April TOS Annual meeting

Expenses - \$6,656.45

Sources from Registration, TOS, In-kind, and NTOS to cover all

Annual Financial Report – Susan Hollyday examined the financial records of NTOS Treasurer Pam Lasley from Jan 2022 to December 2022. The records were in excellent order and fulfill the accounting needs for the finances of NTOS. Additionally, Pam Lasley has updated and organized the NTOS financial affairs, computerizing most functions. Printouts from these allow detailed studies of all financial aspects for our Chapter.

Presentation of Conservation Application – Pam Lasley and Cyndi Routledge presented an application that was received for funding for the Autumn Migratory Bird Banding project on the Guanahacabibes Peninsula on the western most end of Cuba for the amount of \$2500.

Pam Lasley reported we have more than enough funds in our conservation account and in accordance with our By-laws are required to grant conservations funds in the amount of \$500 each year. She also reported that the application had been presented and approved by the NTOS Executive Board already. A discussion took place and Pam Lasley made a motion to approve the \$2500 grant. Jon May seconded. Approved unanimously.

Field Trip –

- The May Field trip that was tentatively set for May 27th to Fort Campbell has been cancelled. We were not able to get access to Post that weekend.

- 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

NEW BUSINESS -

- The Nominating committee is in search of a volunteer willing to serve a 2-year term as 1st VP/Program Chair. Susie Russenberger has done a FANTASTIC job these last 4 years and we thank her. Good news is that she's already begun lining up and filling in our 2024 Program calendar so whoever takes over will have a good head start. It should also be said that you're never 'alone' to figure it all out. Susie, Danny will be more than happy to advise and 'feed' program ideas. We just need someone willing to coordinate, post to Tn-birds about our meetings, write up a quarterly report for the NewsHawk and introduce our guests.
- State Director report –
 - *Elections were held for New Executive BOD – mostly remaining the same. One change is Steve Routledge will now be the VP for Middle TN. Danny Shelton has served in that capacity for 4 years previously.
 - *TOS is in good financial order thanks to Pam Lasley and Mac McWhirter
 - *Latest Migrant has been mailed. Speak to Cyndi Routledge if you have not received yours. Bob Ford is always looking for Round Table submissions and Book reviews.
 - *Next deadline for the Warbler is August 31st if you have anything you'd like to write or submit.
 - *Conservation and Policy is keeping up with current conservations initiatives and signing on whatever is pertinent. Once again, we ask you to sign up for Conservations Alerts and act accordingly when you get them. It's easy. Go to ABCbirds.org and become a part. They won't flood your inbox with unnecessary stuff and when you get an alert it takes about 3 minutes to respond and it WILL make a difference.
 - *The Fall meeting has tentatively been scheduled for Chattanooga. Date to be determined.
 - *2024 Spring meeting will take place in Knoxville...that date to be determined as well. It's looking like it will be the last weekend in April.
 - *David Hanni is seeking old unentered field cards. So if you have any you can get them directly to him or to Cyndi.
- Deadline for NewsHawk is June 15th. nashvillenewshawk@gmail.com
- Also looking for a volunteer to go to an Assisted Living Facility – Fountains of Franklin - the week of June 19th to talk to residents about birds. If you're interested speak to Cyndi Routledge.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Thanks to all those who participated in the May 6th Spring Bird Count. Thanks to Barbara Harris and Scott Block for organizing and compiling the data. Barbara Harris then reported on the Spring Bird count with highlights and numbers.
- Thank again to Jerry Webb, Tom Seador, Tim Ryan (TWO)...for volunteering to lead a Wednesday morning walks this spring. Once again, we had over 100 folks participating in these outreach walks. Fall walks begin on September 20th and end on October 11th. Cyndi will be looking for 4 volunteers prior to the September 21st NTOS meeting.
- Still need volunteers for the Barfield Crescent Park Conservation Days in Murfreesboro will be held on Saturday, May 20th. If anyone interested to sit at the NTOS table let Cyndi know.

Finally, next month Susie will be running our meeting. Cyndi will be in Ecuador and won't be in attendance. And since it's the last meeting before our hiatus – we don't meet in July and August, the President wanted to wish everyone a good summer. Meetings will resume on September 21st with a Pot Luck Dinner. Watch the 3Q NewHawk for details...as well as an email reminder in September.

Having no Questions/Comments/Announcements, Program Chair Susie Russenberger introduced our speaker.

Program – Ken Oeser “Birding the British Isles”

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham