

Draft minutes NTOS Meeting, October 20, 2023

President Cyndi Routledge welcomed everyone.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

No new members were present.

Secretary – Margie – Johnathon May made a motion to accept September’s minutes as written. Danny Shelton seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Pam Lasley

Income - \$125.00

Expenses - \$402.17

Checking Acct. Balance - \$4945.06

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$8967.10

New Member report – Three new members

Field Trip –

- October 28th – Green Door Gourmet – 7:30 am – Please enter through the “Farm Truck Entrance” on River Rd. NOT the main parking gate.
- November 18th – Woods Reservoir – limited to 10 folks...contact Mike Smith for details or to sign up.
- 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 –

- Special thanks to Cherie Parker for agreeing to volunteer for our 1st VP and Program Director...Elections will be held in December.
- Fall walks at Radnor Lake were a success. We had nearly 100 folks again this fall. Thanks to Melinda, Danny, Grant and Cherie for leading. Spring walks begin on April 17th...never too early to volunteer.
- Thanks to those who counted for our Fall count on September 30th, especially Barbara Harris and Scott Block.
- Fall TOS Meeting took place in Chattanooga October 13-15. Chattanooga did a wonderful job hosting the dinner, meeting, paper session and field trips. Many people were able to see the Townsend’s Warbler.
- Christmas Bird Counts will be December 16th for the land count organized by Cyndi Routledge and the lake count is on January 1st, led by Tarcilla Fox and Richard Connors.
- Looking way ahead: Spring NTOS count will take place on Saturday, May 4th 2024.
TOS Spring meeting will be in Knoxville on April 26-28th, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- Please consider contacting your state representatives about two acts before Congress. One is the Federal Safe Building Act of 2023 and the other is the Migratory Birds of the America’s Conservation Enhancement Act of 2023. Look at the tnbirds.org website for information.
- Sandy Bivens has invited everyone to the 50th anniversary celebration of Warner Park on October 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

- Alejandro Llanes Sosa from Cuba sends his heartfelt thanks to members for the donations to band birds on the migratory path through Cuba.

There being no questions or announcements, Program Chair Susie Russenberger introduced our speaker.

Program – Cyndi and Steve Routledge – Oaxaca and Huatulco in Mexico

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham