

Draft Minutes for NTOS Meeting, December 19, 2024

President Cyndi Routledge welcomed everyone after a wonderful array of food provided by our members. She called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Secretary report – Margie Dunham – Pam Lasley made a motion to accept the November minutes as written. Steve Lasley seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Lasley

Income - \$0

Expenses - \$1,469.00

Checking Acct. Balance -\$5,341.30

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$9,906.61

New Member report – Pam Lasley – One new member

Upcoming Field Trip –

No official December field trips due to the Christmas Bird Counts on December 14th and January 1st. Many THANKS to all who participated in the count last Saturday. Report pending...but will be posted on tnbird listserv and on our webpage.

January Field trip will take place on the 25th to Wheeler NWR. Cranes!! Meet at the WHEELER Visitor's Center at 9 am. There is a heated observation tower. Last year there were 18 whooping cranes present. February field trip will be a night trip to Fort Campbell.

All 1Q field trips are published on our webpage and in the NewsHawk...

OLD/NEW BUSINESS –

- Per our January 1st CBC, Tarcila is in need of a at least one if not two route leaders. She needs someone to lead the Donelson/Pennington Bend Route, and the Metro Center Route. They used to

be separate routes, but in the years around COVID they were done together.

- STILL seeking 2 additional volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Susie Russenberger has agreed to serve. Who's going to join her??
- It's never too early to start thinking about volunteering to lead a Wednesday morning Radnor Lake spring walk. First one will be April 23rd followed by three consecutive Wednesdays.
- Bob Ford, Migrant editor, is always looking for articles. They don't have to be a scientific reviewed paper...we welcome book reviews, interesting bird observations, tales of being on the trail...if you have any questions or want to send something, email Bob Ford – editorthemigrant@gmail.com. Also by now you have received your LAST hard copy of the Migrant. All future publications will be posted on the TOS webpage.
- Spring 2025 TOS Meeting will take place in Chattanooga on May 2-4th. Mark your calendars.
- The Fall 2025 meeting will take place in Elizabethton, TN. Date to be announced soon with information posted in the NewsHawk and website.

There being no additional announcement or questions, President Routledge introduced Program Chair Cherie Parker who introduced our speaker.

Program – Cyndi Routledge – Costa Rica

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham, secretary

