

Draft Minutes NTOS Meeting, March 20, 2025

Treasurer Pam Lasley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM Susan Hubley has rescheduled her talk on Hawaii from the canceled meeting last month.

There were 2 new visitors.

Secretary - Margie Dunham – Steve Lasley made a motion to accept the January minutes as written. Cherie Parker seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Lasley

Income - \$1,905.11

Expenses - \$2,726.75

Checking Acct. Balance - \$6,257.36

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$4,162.20

CD - \$5,000

New Member report - Pam Lasley – Seven new members

Field Trip –

- The January 25th trip to Wheeler NWR was reported as a good trip that included 5 Whooping Cranes.
- Upcoming - Next Field trip – March 29th – Henry Horton State Park. Meet there at 7:30 am.
- Looking ahead - April 19th - Saturday, April 19th - Fremont Farm, Davidson Co.: 45-acre in Smyrna. Led by young birder Ari.

Details as always on nashvillebirds.org and in upcoming NewsHawk which will be on the website around the first of April.

OLD BUSINESS –

- STILL seeking 2 additional volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Susie Russenberger has agreed to serve. Who's going to join her??
- Current TOS President Michael Collins is also searching for someone to administrate the TOS FB page. Post current bird events there, any meeting announcements etc...simple, straight-forward and something you can completely do from home.
- Happily all Wednesday morning spring walks are all covered. Thanks to Kevin Bowden, Cameron Cohen, Melinda Welton and new member Kathy Ware.
- Hope everyone participated in the Great Backyard bird count back in February.

Recap from GBBC:

- 8,078 species of birds identified
- 217 countries or eBird subregions
- 387,652 eBird checklists
- 611,066 Merlin Bird IDs (step-by-step, sound, or photo)
- 189,741 photos, videos, and sounds added to Macaulay Library
- 838,113 estimated global participants
- 409 reported community events
- NTOS Spring Bird Count will take place on April 26th. Barbara Harris is the organizer. Remember it's ALL of Davidson County so if you live within the county, you can participate simply by counting birds in your yard or neighborhood. Please coordinate with Barbara as it's important to make sure no one is already counting in your area.
- Spring 2025 TOS Meeting will take place in Chattanooga on May 2-4th. Information is forthcoming in the Warbler and on the TOS webpage. CTOS is working on getting it posted with a link for payment via PayPal or mail-in.
- The Fall 2025 meeting will take place in Elizabethton, TN. September 26-28th so mark your calendars.

- As always watch the webpage and listserv for ‘Action Item Alerts’ regarding conservation efforts. It’s important that every voice is heard...so please when you see them take 5 minutes to respond.

New Business:

- Bells Bend Outdoor Expo is April 12th at 9am to 3 pm. We need volunteers to sit at a table and tell folks about NTOS...Discover Bird Books...memberships etc.. If you’re interested see Cyndi Routledge in the next few days. If we can’t locate anyone we just won’t have a presence this year.
- End of last month President Cyndi Routledge received an email from Laura Cook, the BIRD research coordinator at Warner Parks. There has been a proposal to put a paved road through Warner Parks which they believe will be detrimental to the habitat by further fragmenting and disturbing what was up till now undisturbed portions of the Park. There was a meeting on February 4th...and Laura reports it will be a ‘long fight’ to stop this...for more information please contact her at Warner Park.
- Finally....Your Executive Board of Directors would like to announce the awarding a \$995 Conservation Grant to The Bird Alliance at Middle College in Clarksville, Tennessee. This group of 11th and 12th grade birders under the direction of teach Brandy Schnettler was formed last year and is already hard at work volunteering with different avian related projects in and around Montgomery County. Not all students have access to binoculars for the feeder counts, GBBC, Christmas Bird counts, spring and fall counts they’ve been participating in...but thanks to this grant they now have 5 new pairs of Vortex Diamondback 8 x 42 HD binoculars to help and inspire them to keep watching birds. Brandy will house the binoculars at Middle College and loan them out to students who need them to assist with their work. We hope this gift will inspire the members of the Bird Alliance to continue

volunteering in the bird community for years to come. A follow-up article will be published in the upcoming 2Q NewsHawk.

No additional announcement or questions, Program Chair Cherie Parker introduced our speaker.

Program – Richard Connors on hummingbirds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Marjorie Dunham, secretary