

## Draft Minutes NTOS Meeting, April 20, 2023

President Cyndi Routledge welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm

Seven new visitors were present.

Secretary – Margie Dunham – Pam Lasley made a motion to accept March's minutes as written. Tim Ryan seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Pam Lasley

Income - \$1,887.61

Expenses - \$38.86

Checking Acct. Balance - \$9,615.06

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$11,444.80

New Member report – Two new members

Field Trip –

- The March field trip was to Bells Bend.
- The April 15<sup>th</sup> trip was to Vesta Cedar Glades and was in tandem with local members of the North American Butterfly Association.
- 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](mailto:Tn-birds@freelists.org)

NEW BUSINESS -

- Nashville **has been recommended** to become part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Urban Bird Treaty Program. Nashville's application is in the final stages of approval, with a formal announcement coming soon. Plans are going ahead for a formal signing ceremony to celebrate Nashville joining this Urban Bird Treaty partnership with the USFWS, Mayor John Cooper, and partners on **May 13, 2023, at 11:30 AM** during the World Migratory Bird Day Festival at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Melinda Welton will be representing NTOS and we hope Laura Cook will follow-up with an article for the upcoming NewsHawk in this regard.
- Upcoming very soon the search will begin for volunteers for our BOD and Committee Chairs. PLEASE think about HOW YOU can best serve NTOS for a 2 year term in one of these positions.

OLD BUSINESS –

- The Spring meeting is this weekend. If not signed up for dinner, it is now too late. Everyone is welcome to join in on the Friday night reception, Sat/Sun Field trips and BOD meeting.
- Cyndi Routledge needs volunteers for the Barfield Crescent Park Conservation Days in Murfreesboro that will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. If anyone interested to sit at the NTOS table let her know.
- Thanks again to Jerry Webb, Tom Seador, and Tim Ryan (TWO)....for volunteering to lead a Wednesday morning walk which began April 19<sup>th</sup> with 21 people and will run through May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Questions/Comments/Announcements - Happy Birthday Susan Hollyday! Reminder we will NOT meet in July and August...but will resume in September with a Pot Luck style meeting. Watch the 3Q NewsHawk for details. Pam Lasley talked about the appreciation Warner Parks gave for NTOS funding \$1250.00 for their sawhet owl research. Cyndi Routledge brought up the possible funding for helping Cuba with their fall banding program as 66% of all North America's birds travel through this country. Stacy Elliott talked about Bird Migratory Bird Day and Bird Safe Nashville. Danny Shelton asked for membership to please bring desserts for Friday night's dinner at the Hampton Inn for the Spring Meeting.

Program – Pam Lasley introduced Finn Goodwin-Bain who showed his movie “Bird Safe Nashville”

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham