

Draft Minutes NTOS Meeting – November 18, 2021

Welcome!

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 P.M.

No new visitors

Secretary - Margie Dunham – Steve Routledge made a motion to accept the October 2021 minutes as written. Frank Fekel seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Pam Lasley

Income - \$1.00

Expenses - \$.20

Checking Acct. Balance - \$3,342.42

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$11,300.27

New Members - none

Field Trip – November's trip was to the Duck River Wildlife Refuge. There is no official December field trip. Instead there will be the CBC land count on Dec. 18th and the CBC Lake Count on Jan. 1st. Check the NewsHawk for the January fieldtrip.

Old Business:

Audubon's 121st Christmas Bird Count is Tuesday, December 14, 2021 through Wednesday, January 5, 2022. **The NTOS Count will take place on Saturday, December 18th.** For information contact Cyndi Routledge, coordinator.

Lake Count – January 1st – Richard Conner is coordinating. Contact him to participate.

Michael Collins is in search of a 'new' reporter for the seasons report for Highland Rim and Basin area, previously held by Stephen Zipperer. If interested, please contact Cyndi or Michael.

Mark calendars for the 2022 Annual Spring TOS Meeting – April 22-24, 2022 in Memphis. Information about hotel etc...will be in the December Warbler and appear on the TOS page and the NTOS page as it becomes available.

Looking further down the road...the Fall 2022 TOS meeting will be held by the Kingsport Chapter September 30th – Oct. 2nd.

Deadline for submissions for the next quarter's NewsHawk is December 15th. Send them to Rick Blanton prior.

New Business:

Action Alerts – please remember to look for them under 'News' on the TOS webpage. Make it a habit to check there.

- The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is currently considering changes to the rules governing the MBTA. Having recently reinstated some critical protections, particularly those

regarding incidental take, the Service is now looking at strengthening additional rules, which if implemented, would save millions of birds from harm, or death. See TOS page under news or Conservation for links and instructions.

New member Emily Mills has set up a MailChimp account for Cyndi Routledge so she can communicate with everyone in 'real' time with last minutes changes or announcements or important reminders. Another fantastic tool for communication.

General Announcements –

TWRA Crane Festival at Hiwassee will still take place on Martin Luther King Weekend. Wheeler's Festival will be at the same time frame.

Please try to keep out a hummingbird feeder this winter and contact Cyndi Routledge if you have any activity.

Next meeting... December 16th.

Program: Susie Russenberger – Dave Hawkins photography in Brazil

Program ended at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham