

**September Minutes
Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS**

Location: Northeast State at Elizabethton and Zoom

Date September 5, 2023

Attendance: 18 people attended the meeting in person and 4 people attended via Zoom

Call to order: President Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Presentation: Roger Mullins presented a program on photography of local birds entitled "All About These Birds:

Minutes: Dave Gardner read the minutes from the July meeting. Brookie Potter made a motion to accepted the minutes as read. Kim Stroud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Gardner presented a report from the Treasurer, Vern Maddux. The current balance is \$4,762.16.

New Business:

1. **Roan Mountain Naturalist's Rally:** Joe McGuiness reported that club was responsible for three bird walks at the Roan Mountain Naturalist Rally. On Saturday, September 9 at 8:30 am, Debi Campbell will lead a trip for experienced birders to Carver's Gap while Joe McGuiness will lead a walk at Dave Miller Farmstead for beginning birders. Unlike previous years, an early walk was not on the schedule for Saturday. On Sunday, September 10, Joe McGuiness will lead a bird walk at 9:00 am.
2. **September Field Trip:** Joe McGuiness announced a field trip to Rankin Bottoms on Saturday, September 16. We will meet at 7:45 am at the Food City in Gray. If the lake levels do not continue to drop, this field trip may need to be postponed.
3. **Fall Count:** Dave Gardner reported that the club will conduct the Fall 5-county Bird Count on Saturday, September 30. A list of party areas and leaders was discussed. Rick Knight asked party leaders to track the number of field hours during both the day and night. Rick also asked that the data for each party be set to him for compilation via email.
4. **Fall TOS State Meeting:** Dave Gardner reminder the club at the Fall TOS State Meeting will be held in Chattanooga on October 13 through 15. The registration deadline is October 1.
5. **October Walks at Sycamore Shoals:** Bryan Stevens announced that he will leads bird walks at Sycamore Shoals during the month of October. He needs help with the first week due to a conflict with the Apple Festival in Erwin. He is available to lead the other three walks.

6. **Winter Trip:** Joe McGuiness announced a winter trip to the Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina in January. He discussed a draft itinerary and possible activities. After polling the attendees, we decided that Wednesday, January 3 through Saturday, January 6 would be the best dates for the trips. More information to come at future meetings.
7. **John Hay Memorial:** Dave Gardner proposed a memorial for long-time club member John Hay. After much discussion, Joe McGuiness made a motion that we contribute \$150 to Bays Mountain City Park in memory of John Hay. Jackie Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud