

February Minutes
Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS

Location: Zoom

Date: February 6, 2024

Attendance: 14 people attended in person and 11 people attended via Zoom

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

Minutes: Kim Stroud read the minutes from the January meeting. David Irick made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Rick Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Gardner reported that the current balance is \$5,584.16. Seven former members have yet to pay dues.

Old Business:

1. **Winter Trip:** Joe McGuiness reported that 12 people attended the Winter Trip to Myrtle Beach. We had a total of 113 species on the trip. In addition to many wading and shore birds, we were treated to a pair of Red-shouldered Hawks at our hotel.
2. **Western Washington County Trip:** Joe McGuiness reported that the western Washington County field trip was rescheduled to February 3, due to inclement weather. Twelve people attended the field trip and 40 species of birds were reported. The highlights included Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Collared Doves, and Red-headed Woodpeckers.
3. **Banquet:** Joe McGuiness reported that he has not heard from the Nightjar researchers. Chris Soto suggested a program on the Spruce-Fir Moss Spider. Rick Knight suggested Marty Silver as a speaker.
4. **Calendars:** Brookie Potter picked up some calendars from Bryan Stevens and has them available for purchase tonight. They are \$15 each.

New Business:

1. **Upcoming Field Trips:**
 - a. On February 10, Joe McGuiness will lead a trip to Burkes Garden. Meet at the American Center (Ollies) at 6:45 am. We will meet members of the Bristol Chapter at 7:30 am at the Summit Building.
 - b. On March 1, Larry McDaniel and Janet Brown will host a Woodcock outing at Sea Biscuit Farm.
2. **Langridge Awards:** Dave Gardner reported that the following people received the Langridge Award for totaling 200 species in the five-county area in 2023: Brookie and Jean Potter, Roy Knispel, Joe McGuiness, Debi Campbell, and Rick Knight

3. **March Meeting Place:** Kim Stroud reported that Northeast State at Elizabethton will not be open on Tuesday March 5 because of Spring Break. Dave Gardner said that the March meeting will occur via Zoom.
4. **Roan Mountain Winter Naturalist Rally:** The rally will be held next weekend. On Saturday, Debi Campbell will lead a bird walk at 1:30 pm.

Recent Sightings:

1. Rick Knight reported seeing three Ruffed Grouse at Carver's Gap today.
2. Chris Soto reported a Bald Eagle at Winged Deer
3. Jean Potter reported Pine Siskins at their feeders
4. Several people reported 1 Purple Finch for 1 day during the winter weather.

Presentation: May Anna Wheat presented a great program on her trip to the Four Corners area.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud