

November Minutes Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS

Location: Northeast State at Elizabethton and Zoom

Date: December 3, 2024

Attendance: 14 people attended in person and 9 people attended via Zoom

Call to order: President Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Minutes: Kim Stroud read the minutes from the November meeting. Brookie Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Judy Sawyer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Vern Maddux reported that the current balance is \$5,310.90. Nineteen people have paid dues.

Old Business:

1. **November Field Trip:** Joe McGuinness led a field trip on November 9 to Henderson Marsh and parts of western Washington County. Nine people attended the trip. The group found 44 species including four Ravens, five Kestrels, White-crowned Sparrows, Hermit Thrushes, Red-headed Woodpeckers and a Virginia Rail.
2. **Christmas Party:** Dave Gardner reported that Roy and Robin Knispel will host the Christmas Party at their home at 6:00 pm on December 17. They will provide coffee and tea. Dave Gardner also passed a sign-up sheet around for guests to list the dishes they planned to bring.
3. **January Outer Banks Trip:** Joe McGuinness presented an updated itinerary and discussed hotel rates. The final date for committing to the trip is December 10. The Comfort Inn wants Joe to sign a contract for the discounted room rates. No one expressed objections to Joe signing this contract.
4. **Fall State Meeting:** Kim Stroud asked the committee to meet after the meeting.
5. **Calendars:** Bryan Stevens reported that the calendars are not printed yet. He teased the cover photo of a Northern Parula by the Iricks.

New Business:

1. **Christmas Counts:** The Elizabethton Christmas Count will be held on Saturday, December 14 and the Roan Mountain Count will be held on Sunday, December 15. Rick Knight presented a list of party leaders and areas. He also said that each party needs to track car and foot miles, car and foot hours, miles and hours for owling, and weather conditions. Email the data to Rick Knight for compilation.
2. **January Meeting:** Dave Gardner reported that the January meeting will be Zoom only because Northeast State will close their campuses at 4:30 on the January meeting date.

3. **Media Equipment:** Dave Gardner suggested purchasing a projector and laptop for the club. This could be used for meetings and banquets. Owning the media equipment would open up many new possibilities for meeting locations. The suggestion was met with enthusiasm by club members. Dave will research the types of equipment necessary and the cost.
4. **Langridge Awards:** Dave Gardener asked people who achieved the Langridge Award, to let him know before the next meeting.

Recent Sightings:

1. Judi Sawyer reported a Rufous Hummingbird and Rusty Blackbirds in her yard today. Roy Knispel also reported Rusty Blackbirds.
2. The Iricks had Hooded Mergansers on the Doe River and three Golden Eagles in Burkes Garden.
3. The Potters had three Fox Sparrows. Joe McGuiness also reported a Fox Sparrow, as well as a Hermit Thrush.
4. Bryan Stevens had a leucistic Red-tailed Hawk on October 22.

Presentation: Bryan Stevens presented a program on "Building a Birding Festival"

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud