

## **February Minutes**

### **Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS**

**Location:** Northeast State at Elizabethton and via Zoom

**Date** February 4, 2025

**Attendance:** 17 people attended in person and 5 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 January meeting. Brookie Potter made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Eric Middlemas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vern Maddux reported that the current balance is \$5,676.99. The bill for printing the calendars was paid. Vern also reported 8 people have not paid dues.

#### **Old Business:**

1. **Calendars:** Bryan Stevens reported that 44 out of the 75 calendars sold. Roy has some calendars available tonight. A motion was made by Kim Stroud and seconded by Joe McGuiness to send a calendar to Carol Carr, Maye Musick's daughter. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Eastern North Carolina Trip:** Joe McGuiness reported that 14 people went on the trip to eastern North Carolina and the Outer Banks. A total of 114 species were seen during the trip including, Harlequin Duck, Red-throated Loon, Northern Gannets, and a few thousand Snow Geese.
3. **Western Washington County Field Trip:** Joe McGuiness led a field trip to western Washington County on January 18. Five people participated in the trip and recorded a total of 46 species. While the group did not find Horned Larks or Longspurs, they did see Wilson's Snipe, two Red-headed Woodpeckers, and a leucitic Common Grackle.
4. **Media Equipment:** Dave Gardner reported that Scott Tuner is willing to donate a projector to the club.
5. **Banquet:** Tipton-Haynes has not completed their renovation yet. Chris Soto offered to check with person about a program on bats.

#### **New Business:**

1. **February Field Trip:** On Saturday, February 22, Joe McGuiness will lead a field trip to Burkes Garden. Details will be forthcoming.
2. **Spring Naturalists Rally:** Dave Gardner reported that we are responsible for three bird walks at the Spring Naturalist Rally.

#### **Recent Sightings:**

1. Brookie Potter reported a Red-breasted Nuthatch and Pine Siskins at his feeders.

2. Chris Soto reported three Hermit Thrushes at Winged Deer Park. Joe McGuinness also reported a Hermit Thrush at his feeder.

**Presentation:** Roy Knispel presented a program on New Mexico.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:** Kim Stroud