

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

Location: Zoom

Date January 7, 2025

Attendance: 25 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 December meeting. Judi Sawyer made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Joe McGuiness seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Vern Maddux reported that the current balance is \$6,018.90. Vern also reported 15 people have not paid dues.

Old Business:

1. **Calendars:** Bryan Stevens reported that the calendars should arrive on January 15. He plans to have distributions at the Food City on South Roan St. in Johnson City and at Northeast State at Elizabethton.
2. **Christmas Counts:** The 82nd Elizabethton Christmas Count was held on Saturday, December 14. Twenty-four participants in six party reported a total of 71 species, which is slightly below average. Notable finds include Orange-crowned Warbler and Grey Catbirds. The 73rd Roan Mountain Christmas Count was conducted on Sunday, December 15. Four observers in three parties reported a total of 43 species, which is also slightly below the average.
3. **Media Equipment:** Dave Gardner has no new information at this time. He hopes to have more information by next month.

New Business:

1. **January Field Trip:** On Saturday, January 18, Joe McGuiness will lead a field trip to western Washington County. We will meet at the Ingles in Jonesborough at 8:30 am.
2. **Banquet:** Dave Gardner suggested that it is time to start thinking about the banquet. Sycamore Shoals was suggested as a possible venue, if Tipton-Haynes has not completed their renovation. Marty Silver and Ron Haff were suggested as banquet speakers.

Recent Sightings: Rufous Hummingbirds were reported in Trade and Unicoi. The Iricks had a Norther Harrier in Shady Valley.

Presentation: Bryan Stevens presented a program titled "What's in a Name?" about birds named after people.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud