

March Minutes

Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS

Location: Northeast State at Elizabethton and via Zoom

Date: March 4, 2025

Attendance: 22 people attended in person and 4 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 February meeting. Roy Knispel made a motion to accept the minutes as read. David Irick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Vern Maddux reported that the current balance is \$5,848.39. Dues were paid to TOS. Vern also purchased stamps and paid for the PO Box.

Old Business:

1. **Fall State Meeting:** David Irick made a motion to allocate \$200.00 to pay a deposit on a venue for the Friday night meet and greet. Judi Sawyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. **Banquet:** Chris Soto reported that Kyle Shute agreed to present a program on bats for the banquet. We hope to schedule to banquet for April 11.
3. **Burkes Garden Field Trip:** On Saturday, March 8, Joe McGuinness will lead a field trip to Burkes Garden. We will meet at Ollies at 6:45 am and plan to leave at 7:00 am. Lunch will be at the General Store at 2:00 pm.
4. **March Field Trip:** On Saturday March 29, Joe McGuinness will lead a field trip to Meadowview and other water bird areas around Kingsport. We will plant to have lunch at Riverfront. Further details will be forthcoming.
5. **Spring Naturalists Rally:** Dave Gardner reported that we are responsible for four bird walks at the Spring Naturalist Rally. Joe McGuinness can lead three of these walks. However, two walks occur simultaneously. Therefore, a leader for the other walk is still needed

New Business:

1. **The Warbler:** Dave Gardner reported that TOS is asking for submission for a cover photo.
2. **Climate Watch:** Judi Sawyer asked if anyone would volunteer to run her Climate Watch survey route on May 5.
3. **Seven Islands Trip:** On May 10, we will host a field trip in conjunction with Bristol to Seven Islands Birding Park
4. **Woodcock Trip:** Larry McDaniel is hosting a woodcock outing at his home at 6:00 pm on March 5. RSVP if you are planning to attend.

Recent Sightings:

1. Joe McGuiness and Eric Middlemas had Hermit Thrushes at their feeders/.
2. Fred Alsop reported that Red-Tailed Hawks are nesting on the ETSU campus. He also reported that Jolene hatched a baby Blad Eagle at the Johnson City nest.

Presentation: Fred Alsop presented an excellent program entitled "Trekking with a Birder".

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud