

April Minutes
Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS

Location: Northeast State at Elizabethton and via Zoom

Date April 1, 2025

Attendance: 18 people attended in person and 5 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 March meeting. Brookie Potter made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Eric Middlemas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Gardner reported that the current balance is \$5,216.39.

Old Business:

1. **Fall State Meeting:** We reserved the Gathering Place Community Room and Sycamore Shoals State Park for the Friday night meet and greet.
2. **Banquet:** The banquet will be held April 11 at the Food City in Johnson City. We will eat dinner at 6:00 pm with a program on bats from Kyle Schute to follow. A menu of herbed chicken, sweet potato casserole, green beans and peach cobbler was selected. The cost was set at \$20 per person. Dave Gardner will need a headcount by April 4.
3. **Burkes Garden Field Trip:** On Saturday, March 8, 14 people attended a field trip to Burkes Garden and found a total of 45 species. Unfortunately, no Golden Eagles were seen, but Red-Headed Woodpeckers were spotted.
4. **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
5. **Seven Islands Trip:** On May 10, we will host a field trip in conjunction with Bristol to Seven Islands Birding Park

New Business:

1. **Spring Count:** The Spring Count will be held on May 3. Rick Knight presented a list of areas and party leaders. Email count results, weather conditions, and party hours to Rick Knight for compilation.
2. **Spring State Meeting:** The Spring State Meeting will be held May 2- 4.
3. **Nightjar Surveys:** The May window for nightjar surveys is May 4 – 6.
4. **Picnic:** Dave Gardner suggested that it is time to start planning the picnic. He suggested July 12 at Winged Deer Park.
5. **Nominating Committee:** Dave Gardner asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Brookie Potter, Chris Soto, and Roy nispel volunteered.

6. **May meeting:** The May meeting may be held over Zoom because Northeast State may be closed that night.

Recent Sightings:

1. A Long-tailed Duck is at the Pinnacle.
2. The Potters and Iricks reported Louisiana Waterthrush and several Vireos on Holston Mountain.
3. Brookie Potter also reported a Black Scoter at Muzick's campground.

Presentation: Lewis Tester presented an excellent program entitled "Getting to Know the Odes".

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud