

May Minutes
Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS

Location: Northeast State at Elizabethton and via Zoom

Date: June 3, 2025

Attendance: 20 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 May meeting. Jackie Knight made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Brookie Potter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$5,299.80. The balance increased because two people paid dues and Vern Maddux received money for 12 calendars.

Old Business:

1. **Fall State Meeting:** Kim Stroud reported that the planning committee would like to reserve the Langston Center in Johnson City for Saturday, September 27 to host the Board of Director's meeting and the paper sessions. Charles Moore made a motion to paid the \$190.00 booking fee for five hours and John Dollard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Unaka Mountain Field Trip:** On Saturday May 10, Joe McGuinness led a field trip to Unaka Mountain in conjunction with the Bristol Bird Club. Eleven people attended the trip. A total of 48 species were reported including Blackburnian and Magnolia Warblers.
3. **Spring Count:** The Spring Count was held on May 3. Rick Knight said that he will send out a full report to Bristol Birds this week. There were 44 observers in 5 parties. The total of 148 species was slightly below the average of 150 species. Highlights include 31 species of warblers, 17 Fish Crows, 17 Common Ravens, Common Mergansers, and Bobolinks.
4. **Nightjar Surveys:** The Milligan Nightjar Surveys was conducted on Friday, May 9. Four Chuck-will-widows and three Whip-poo-wills were found. The Cherokee Survey will be conducted tomorrow night. Meet at the Cherokee school at 8:15 pm. The Fish Springs Survey will be conducted on Thursday, June 5. We will meet at the Black Olive in Elizabethton at 8:30 pm.
5. **Summer Counts:** The Carter County Summer Count will be held on Saturday, June 7 and the Unicoi County Summer Count will be held on Saturday, June 14. Email the results to Rick Knight for compilation.
6. **Picnic:** The picnic will be held Saturday, July 12 at Sycamore Shoals Stat Park. We will plan to eat at 6:00 pm. Also, remember that pictures for the calendar are due at the picnic.
7. **Planning Meeting:** The planning meeting will be held Tuesday, August 5 at the Black Olive in Elizabethton.

New Business:

1. **There was no new business.**

Recent Sightings:

1. Bryan Stevens had a Yellow-breasted Chat May 10 – 15.
2. Brookie Potter had a Wilson's Warbler one day last week.
3. Rick Knight reported that the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher is still in Jonesborough. He also had Alder Flycatchers and Red Crossbills at Carver's Gap.

Presentation: Kim Stroud presented a program entitled "Nature Viewing in Myrtle Beach and Murrell's Inlet".

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud