

Minutes for NOVEMBER 22, 2024  
NTOS Meeting

President Cyndi Routledge called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm by welcoming everyone. She thanked Steve Lasley and Cherie Parker for conducting the October meeting in her absence last month.

President Routledge called for visitors. There were 3 visitors who introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting by all.

Secretary Margie Dunham – was absent this evening.

There were no minutes from the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Lasley – reported that we have a checking account balance of \$5,420.30. Conservation Fund has a total of \$9,906.13.

New Member report – Pam Lasley reported that we have two new members who joined since our last meeting.

Field Trip – Trip took place on November 9<sup>th</sup> to the Duck River. Unfortunately, Mike Smith, Field Trip coordinator was ill, but 3 intrepid members carried on and enjoyed their time and saw some cool birds.

No December field trips are scheduled due to our annual Christmas Bird Counts to be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

OLD BUSINESS –

- President Routledge is STILL seeking 2 additional volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Currently Susie Russenberger is the only one who has agreed to serve.
- President Routledge announced that the Christmas Pot-Luck would take place on December 19<sup>th</sup>. She noted that we would begin

gathering at 6 pm; eat at 6:15 pm; short meeting at 7 pm; followed by the evenings program on Costa Rica.

- The group was encouraged to begin thinking about volunteering to lead a Wednesday morning Radnor Lake Spring migration walk. First one will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>...and interested volunteers should contact President Routledge to volunteer.

## NEW BUSINESS –

- Tarcila Fox, coordinator for the January 1, 2025 CBC contacted Cyndi this week as she is in need of a at least one if not two route leaders. She needs someone to lead the Donelson/ Pennington Bend Route, and the Metro Center Route. They used to be separate routes, but in the years around COVID they were done together. All interested folks were encouraged to call Tarcila at 615-405-8625.
- Bob Ford, TOS Migrant editor, also contacted Cyndi to relay the message to the membership that he is always looking for articles for the Migrant. He reminded all that they do not have to be a scientific reviewed paper...book reviews, interesting bird observations, tales of being on the trail are encouraged and welcome. All questions and/or articles are to be sent to Bob Ford – [editorthemigrant@gmail.com](mailto:editorthemigrant@gmail.com)
- Additionally, Cyndi reminded everyone that we're always looking for articles for the NTOS newsletter and deadline for the 1Q edition is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Send these to Angie Elmore.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Spring 2025 TOS Meeting will take place in Chattanooga on May 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- The Fall 2025 meeting will take place in Elizabethton, TN. Date to be announced soon.

President Routledge then introduced Chris Sloan, who spoke briefly about the American Bird Association and encouraged member to join the organization if they are not already members.

Legislative Liaison – Melinda Welton then spoke on the importance of staying vigilant regarding the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the historical attacks to weaken this long-proven source of protection for avian species in the United States. She asked the membership to answer Action Alerts and express their own personal views with regard when prompted.

Melinda Welton also then showed the group an original TOS patch from 1915 that she recently acquired from a deceased long-time member's family. The plan is to find a permanent home for the artifact.

President Routledge called for any additional announcement or questions. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned for the evenings program at 7:40 pm.

Program – Cherie Parker – Introduced NTOS member Chris Sloan for his program on Madagascar.