

Draft Minutes for NTOS Meeting, January 16, 2025

President Cyndi Routledge welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

There was one new visitor.

Secretary Margie Dunham – Cherie Parker made a motion to accept the December minutes as written. Bill Taylor seconded it and it was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Lasley

Income - \$1,855.00

Expenses - \$117.19

Checking Acct. Balance - \$7,079.11

NTOS Conservation Fund - \$10,086.79

New Member report – Pam Lasley – Five new members

Upcoming Field Trip –

Many THANKS once again to all who participated in the New Year's Day count.

Both the lake and land results are listed on the NTOS webpage.

January Field trip will take place on the 25th to Wheeler NWR. Meet at the WHEELER Visitor's Center at 9 am. There will be many cranes viewable from the heated tower.

February 15th field trip is still 'pending' – intent is an evening trip to Fort Campbell to look for Short-eared owls and other wintering sparrows with Daniel Moss. It is limited to 10 individuals...so watch for announcement from Mike Smith and sign-up opportunities. Remember no camera or scopes are allowed on base since 9/11.

And although not officially a field trip – it's woodcock time at Bell's Bend. They will offer guided outings so watch their webpage. You can also venture out there at dusk yourself.

All first quarter field trips are published on our webpage and in the NewsHawk.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS –

- STILL seeking 2 additional volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Susie Russenberger has agreed to serve. Who's going to join her??
- Current TOS President Michael Collins is also searching for someone to administrate the TOS FB page. You would post current bird events there, any meeting announcements etc...simple, straight-forward and something you can completely do from home.
- April and May's morning Radnor Lake Spring walks are covered. Thank you to those members! The walk takes place the last two Wednesdays of April and the first two of May at 7:30 am at the visitor center.
- NTOS Spring Bird Count will take place on April 26th. Watch for announcements from Barbara Harris, organizer. Remember it's ALL of Davidson County so if you live within the county you can participate simply by counting birds in your yard or neighborhood. But please coordinate with Barbara as it's important to make sure no one is already counting in your area.
- Spring 2025 TOS Meeting will take place in Chattanooga on May 2-4th with dinner, a speaker and field trips. Mark your calendars. Info on NTOS website and the tnbirds web page.
- The Fall 2025 meeting will take place in Elizabethton, TN. The date is Sept. 26-28.
- As always watch the webpage and listserv for 'Action Item Alerts' regarding conservation efforts. It's important that every voice is heard...so please when you see them take 5 minutes to respond.

- Great Backyard Bird Count – February 14-17, 2025. Global count...birdcount.org for more information.

After asking for additional announcements, Bill Taylor brought up the distribution of the collection of Mac Pritchard which led to a discussion on the future location of the club archives.

President Routledge called on Program chair Cherie Parker to introduce our speaker.

Program – Feather Coloration vs Light Refraction by Brandon Sandoval

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham, secretary.