

## **Draft Minutes, NTOS Meeting, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

President Cyndi Routledge welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

There was one new visitor.

Secretary – Margie Dunham – John May made a motion to accept the September minutes as written. Jo Anne Staples seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - President Routledge gave the treasure's report in Pam Lasley's absence.

Income - \$130.00  
Expenses - \$574.02  
Checking Acct. Balance - \$6,504.43  
NTOS Conservation Fund - \$4635.82

Membership report – Four new members

Field Trips –

Danny Shelton gave a report on the October 11<sup>th</sup> Field trip to Freemont farm saying it was a great trip and mentioning that Ari Fremont has a youTube channel called Beasts of Birdin.

The next Field trip will be November 1<sup>st</sup> to the Duck River Unit of TNWR in New Johnsonville. Meet at the park-and-ride in Bellevue at 6:15 am or at the entrance to the unit at 8 am.

Old Business:

- Wednesday morning fall walks concluded. Over 100 folks participated again. Many thanks to Ari Freemont, Andy Lantz, Ken Oeser and Avery Fish for leading. Spring walk begin on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. NEVER too early to volunteer to lead one of the 4 walks.
- Presentation of the Slate of Officers by Susie Russenberger. The vote will be at the December meeting.  
Cyndi Routledge – President  
1<sup>st</sup> VP and Programs – Tim Ryan  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Field Trips – Shelley Smith  
Secretary – Kathy Ware  
Treasurer – Pam Lasley
- Fall Count took place on October 4<sup>th</sup> –We thank the coordinator, Barbara Harris and compiler Scott Block.

## New Business:

- NewsHawk has been published on our webpage – nashvillebirds.org. listed under publications. Remember this is YOUR newsletter so we welcome contributions. Next deadline is 15 December for the 2026 1Q issue. Send submissions to nashivllenewshawk@gmail.com
- Susan Hollyday will be resigning as Curator by February 2026. We'd like to find someone to take over for her. All items are highly organized but will take up some space as there are over 20 bins of items. See me if interested or if you have any questions about 'duties'...Susan has written them out. We don't expect anyone to hold all these items and are currently looking for an official location.
- Christmas Bird Counts – Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Cyndi Routledge coordinates the land count, but would like to find another volunteer. Richard Connors coordinates the lake count.
- Cherie will be running the meeting next month in President Routledge's absence. If you have any agenda items or announcements, please get them to Cyndi BY November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Reminder...Holiday Pot Luck – December 18<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm
- Looking way ahead...2026 Spring Count – April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual TOS Spring Meeting in Kingsport – May 1-3. Stay tuned for registration, host hotel information etc...

There being no further questions, President Routledge introduced Program Chair Cherie Parker who introduced our speaker.

Program – Steve Ward - Radnor Lake State Natural Area

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Dunham, secretary