

NMOS Annual Business Meeting
Saturday 31 March 2012
Best Western Rio Grande Inn, Albuquerque

Business Meeting Minutes

The New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS) held its 50th Annual Meeting on 31 March 2012 at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn in Albuquerque. Registration began at 7:30 a.m. and the Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Welcome: Dave Krueper, President, welcomed members to a celebration of 50 years of NMOS. He recognized Pat Snider as the only founding member of NMOS attending the 50th anniversary meeting and presented her with a Dale Zimmerman art print of a Pinyon Jay. Dave recognized the many years of service that Nancy Cox contributed to the Society with the presentation of a framed print photograph of a Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. He also recognized the three former NMOS Presidents who were in attendance - Roland Shook, Sandy Williams, and John Parmeter.

The Wildlife Society Honors Dave Krueper: Leland Pierce, past president of the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society, announced that Dave Krueper had received the award for the New Mexico Wildlife Professional of the Year. Dave was recognized for his technical expertise and dedication to innumerable bird conservation efforts across the state.

Minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting: Ashli Gorbet, Secretary, summarized the minutes from the 9 April 2011 Annual Meeting in Las Cruces and noted that complete minutes from this meeting and all board meetings are available on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Oldenettel, Treasurer, presented the annual Treasurer's Report.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Sandy Williams presided over the election of NMOS officers. He proposed maintaining the current slate of officers. All voted in favor, none were opposed. The Board Members for 2012-2014 are:

- President: Dave Krueper
- Vice President: Jonathan Batkin
- Recording Secretary: Ashli Gorbet
- Treasurer: Jerry Oldenettel
- Directors: Janet Ruth, Martha Desmond, Chuck Hayes, Matt Baumann

Research Grant Awards: Janet Ruth, Chair of the NMOS Research Grant Committee, announced the recipients of the research grants. Jason Beason, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, received \$1000 from the Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant for his proposal entitled "Determining migration routes and winter destinations of New Mexico's Northern Black Swifts", and Corrie Borgman, UNM Master's student and employee of Envirollogical Services, Inc. received \$1000 from the NMOS Research Grant for her proposal entitled "Assessing migratory status of New Mexico Loggerhead Shrikes at Kirtland Air Force Base using feather deuterium values".

Committee Reports

NMOS Field Notes: Sandy Williams, *NMOS Field Notes* Editor, reported that the Field Notes are up to date and match the timing of the American Birding Association's *North American Birds*. Plans are to produce four issues during 2012 (Vol. 50). Report your sightings!

NMOS Bulletin: Sandy Williams provided the report for Janet Bair, *NMOS Bulletin* Editor. Four issues have been published in the last year. Articles have been received on a regular basis and members are encouraged to submit articles for consideration at any time. All submissions are put through a scientific peer-review process.

NMOS Website: Janet Ruth provided an update about the NMOS Website <<http://www.nmbirds.org>> She reported on the problems with our Pay Pal account, which resulted in our not being able to accept various payments on-line. She also noted that Dave Krueper is working on an NMOS History page for the website and asked people to go through their records and find old photos related to NMOS that can be used on the website and filed in NMOS archives.

Birds and Beers! Janet Ruth also reported on the initiation of a monthly "Birds and Beers" event in Albuquerque. This is not an official NMOS event but is endorsed by NMOS and the Central New Mexico Audubon Society. It is held the last Tuesday of every month at O'Niell's in Nob Hill, Albuquerque, hosted by Robert Munro. The event provides informal socializing opportunities as well as fun bird i.d. quizzes. It has been quite popular and is an opportunity for NMOS members to interact with Audubon members and improve communication.

2012 Annual Meeting Field Trip- Sunday April 1: Matt Baumann provided information regarding the Embudito Canyon Field Trip scheduled for Sunday morning, April 1, 2012.

Future Business

Important Bird Area (IBA) Review process: New Mexico Audubon Society has asked NMOS to assist in the review and evaluation of IBA nominations.

Field Expeditions: Due to drought and fires in the Guadalupe Mountains, the planned Field Expedition to that area was postponed until conditions improved. Matt Baumann and Cole Wolf will continue to work on future possible Expeditions. One possibility is a “New Mexico Pelagic” which would explore the inaccessible areas of Elephant Butte Reservoir in the Fall of 2012.

Field Trips Announcement: The planned Field Trip to Cuba is a go and all paperwork is currently being completed. The trip filled within less than a week, and there is a wait list. Based on this interest, the planning for an El Triunfo (Chiapas, Mexico) Field Trip will proceed with an anticipated date in April 2014.

Next year’s meeting location and projected dates: Although the final decision has not been made, we are anticipating that the 2013 Annual Meeting will be held in Silver City, NM. Dates and exact locations will be forthcoming, but it will probably be at the Western New Mexico University.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Meeting continued with a General Science Session, chaired by Martha Desmond. Fifteen presentations were delivered between 10:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Two posters were presented for viewing throughout the day; an informal poster session was held during the break from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The evening banquet was also held at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn, Albuquerque, NM at 6:00 p.m. This was followed by the keynote presentation by Dave Krueper, President of NMOS entitled “The New Mexico Ornithological Society on its 50th Anniversary: Proud Past, Present Status, and Future Perspectives”; it was followed by open discussions among NMOS members about the future of NMOS.