

**NMOS Annual Business Meeting**  
**Saturday 27 April 2013**  
**Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

The New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS) held its 51st Annual Meeting on 27 April 2013 at the Western New Mexico University in Silver City. 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 the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS). He recognized Noel Snyder and his presentation from the previous night, entitled “Endangered species conservation: is habitat preservation the central issue?” which was well attended.

Details for the fieldtrip to Cherry Creek Campground, Sunday morning (28 April) were provided. Members were invited to bid on items for the Silent Auction.

**Minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting:** Ashli Gorbet, Secretary, summarized the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque. These minutes are available on the NMOS website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jerry Oldenettel, Treasurer, presented the treasurer’s report and notified the membership that approximately \$4200 was raised for the society from the NMOS fundraising field trip to Cuba.

There was no Old Business.

**New Business**

**New Mexico Bird Finding Guide (NMBFG) updates:** Sandy Williams announced that a new edition of the NMBFG is in the works. Pat Mehlhop is working on new, improved maps for the latest edition with enlargements and more detail.

**NMOS Research Grant awards:** Janet Ruth, Chair of the NMOS Research Grants Committee, announced the awards for the research grants. This year’s Ryan Beaulieu Research grant (\$1000) was awarded to David Griffin, New Mexico State University, for work with Band-tailed Pigeons, and the NMOS

Research Grant (\$1000) was awarded to Cole Wolf, University of New Mexico, for his work on Yellow-rumped Warblers.

**Pledge to Fledge (P2F):** Ashli Gorbet presented information about the P2F initiative and asked for help from the membership in facilitating NMOS involvement in this initiative.

## **Committee Reports**

**Nominations Committee:** Sandy Williams, Chair of the NMOS Nominations Committee, notified the membership that elections will be held in 2014. He asked members to provide suggestions for officers to a member of the committee and come prepared to confirm new officers.

**NMOS Field Notes:** Sandy Williams, Editor of ***NMOS Field Notes***, reported that 4 issues of volume 50 were published last year. He expects 4 issues of volume 51 will be published this year.

**NMOS Bulletin:** Sandy Williams reported on behalf of Janet Bair, Editor of ***NMOS Bulletin***, that volume 40 was completed last year. A new issue is going to be printed and mailed soon.

**NMOS Website:** Janet Ruth, webmaster for the NMOS website, asked the membership to notify her of any broken links or issues with the website. She had nothing new to report.

**Birds and Beers:** ***Birds and Beers!*** has become a popular informal monthly event in the Albuquerque area. The membership was urged to continue to ensure the success of this event.

**NMOS Field Notes Database:** Janet Ruth reported on the status of the NMOS Field Notes Database. She acknowledged the contributions of Christopher Rustay in entering records into the database. Data entry is current through 2009.

**Dale Zimmerman limited edition prints:** Dave Krueper announced the availability of the prints and thanked Dale Zimmerman and his late wife Marian for their generosity in contributing the artwork to raise money for NMOS.

## **Future Business**

**Next year's meeting location:** The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of NMOS will be held in Albuquerque at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn. Dates are yet to be announced, but we are targeting April 26, with April 12 as an alternate date.

**Mary Alice Root Celebration:** Dave Krueper noted the passing of Mary Alice Root and announced a celebration of her life that will take place at the NM Museum of Natural History at 6:30pm on 4 May 2013.

**Cuba Trip:** Dave Krueper announced the success of the NMOS fundraising field trip to Cuba. There is a possibility of conducting this trip again in the future. Monies went to the NMOS publications fund.

**Ohio trip:** Ashli Gorbet announced the upcoming NMOS fundraising field trip to Ohio in May and mentioned that there are still a few spaces left.

**El Triunfo Fundraising Field Trip:** Dave Krueper announced that the El Triunfo, Chiapas, Mexico trip will occur March/April 2014 and provided some details on the trip. Registration for the trip will open at 12:00 pm (noon) on 1 July 2013. Maximum number of participants is 10 and there will be two guides.

The Business Meeting was adjourned 9:07 am.

The Annual Meeting continued with a General Science Session, chaired by Martha Desmond. Nine presentations were delivered between 10:15 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. This was followed by a panel discussion about avian conservation and management in New Mexico from 3:20 – 5:00 p.m. One poster was presented for viewing throughout the day; an informal poster session was held during the break from 2:50 – 3:20 p.m.

The evening banquet was held at the Student Memorial Center, Western New Mexico University (WNMU), Silver City, NM at 6:00 p.m. This was followed by the keynote presentation at the Global Resource Center at WNMU by Dale Zimmerman, entitled “Some changes over a century in the birdlife of Silver City, New Mexico”.