

## Minutes of the 2010 NMOS Annual Meeting

The New Mexico Ornithological Society held its annual meeting on April 10, 2010, at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn, in Albuquerque, New Mexico with an associated field trip on April 9. Present were NMOS officers, - Roland Shook, Dave Krueper, Jerry Oldenettel, Nancy Cox; NMOS Directors - Janet Ruth, Martha Desmond, Chuck Hayes; NMOS Student Director – Matt Baumann; , - and NMOS appointees – Sandy Williams and Janet Bair, as well as nominated officers -Jonathan Batkin and Ashli Gorbet - and numerous other NMOS members.

Registration began at 8:00am. The NMOS Business Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by President Roland Shook, who gave a greeting to the membership and introduced the officers.

Nancy Cox, Secretary, read minutes from the previous annual meeting (April 25, 2009, Los Alamos, New Mexico) and announced that the minutes are posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** see attached.

There was no Old Business:

New Business:

**Election of Officers:** Sandy Williams, chair of the NMOS Nominating Committee, presided over the election of new officers. Nominees were introduced including Dave Krueper - nominee for President, Jonathan Batkin - nominee for Vice President, and Ashli Gorbet - nominee for Secretary. At 9:15am a move was made to accept the slate of new officers and seconded. This was followed by a vote; all in favor, none opposed.

**Recognition of Service:** Dave Krueper, newly elected President, recognized the service of Roland Shook and Nancy Cox's dedicated service to NMOS during their time on the board.

**NMOS Bulletin:** Sandy Williams introduced and recognized Janet Bair who was appointed the new Editor of the *NMOS Bulletin*. Janet is replacing Rob Doster who recently stepped down.

**The Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant:** On behalf of the Research Grant Committee, Janet Ruth, announced the award of a \$1,000 grant to Jonathan Schmitt for his work on Genetic Differentiation in Hutton's Vireo (*Vireo huttoni*) in New Mexico, and another \$1,000 grant to Ashli Gorbet for her work on The Breeding Biology of Black-throated Gray Warblers (*Dendroica nigrescens*) in the Manzano Mountains of New Mexico.

Reports: Dave Krueper asked for reports regarding publications, website, and database.

**Sandy Williams:** Recognized Lois Herrmann for her generous donation of a pair of Zeiss binoculars for the silent auction to benefit NMOS and encouraged all to participate. Sandy reported that the newest issue of *NMOS Field Notes* is on schedule and asked members to report their sightings for inclusion.

**Janet Bair:** Reported that submissions are being accepted for the *NMOS Bulletin*.

**Janet Ruth:** Solicited suggestions from the membership regarding ways to improve the website. Janet

also recognized the contribution to data entry in the online NMOS Field Notes Database made by Christopher Rustay.

**Dave Krueper:** Made a request to the membership for on time registration for next year's annual meeting. Dave also solicited suggestions for potential locations for next year's meeting. Members suggested Sevilleta and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuges as possible venues.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

The Annual Meeting continued with a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) and NMOS joint symposium on Yellow-billed Cuckoo from 10:15am – 11:45am. The symposium was chaired by Hira Walker of NMDGF. The afternoon NMOS General Science Session was held from 1:15pm - 4:30pm and was chaired by Martha Desmond. Five posters were presented for viewing in the lobby throughout the day.

The evening banquet was also held at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn at 6:30pm followed by a keynote presentation by Dr. Murrelet Halterman, Cuckoo Project Director, Southern Sierra Research Station entitled "Seriously Cuckoo: How I spent my summer vacations for the last 25 years".

Registration/attendance for the meeting was 81 people.

A field trip, led by Matt Baumann, on Friday evening, April 9 looked for owls at various elevations in the Sandia Mountains east of Albuquerque.