

## Minutes of the 2008 NMOS Annual Meeting

The New Mexico Ornithological Society held its annual meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Vagabond Inn in Albuquerque, with an associated field trip on April 13. The Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with a jointly sponsored New Mexico Department of Game and Fish/NMOS Gray Vireo Symposium.

Registration began at 8:30 a.m. The business meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Roland Shook. Treasurer Jerry Oldenettel provided the following Treasurer's Report:

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### New Mexico Ornithological Society Financial Statement as of 31 December, 2007

Balance as of 12/31/06:

Checking Account Balance	15,927.57
Petty Cash	25.71
Undeposited Checks	610.75
Total	\$16,564.03

Net Transactions from 1/1/07 to 12/31/07:

Dues	1,990.00
NM Bird Finding Guide Sales	3,706.00
NM Field Checklist Sales	237.20
Annual meeting	-310.46
Postage and shipping	-810.12
Miscellaneous	83.55
Grants	-2,000.00
UNM Heritage (database)	-2,000.00
SW Natural History Institute	-3,000.00
Printing	-4,164.59
Storage Unit Rent	-900.00
Interest	5.95
Total Transactions	-7,162.47

Total 2007 beginning balance plus transactions	\$9,401.56
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Balance as of 12/31/07:

Checking Account Balance	9,349.27
Petty Cash Balance	32.29
Checks outstanding	0.00
Undeposited Checks	20.00
12/31 balance	\$9,401.56

Petty cash income and disbursements (\$6.58 and \$(0.00)) are included in the income and expense categories above.

Date: 29 January, 2008

Submitted by:

Jerry R. Oldenettel, Treasurer

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A series of reports regarding NMOS activities over the last year were presented.

Mary Alice Root gave an update on the **NMOS Field Notes Database**.

**NMOS Website:** Janet Ruth gave members the new website address ([www.nmbirds.org](http://www.nmbirds.org)) and described resources and information available on the website: Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant, Florence M Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award, Annual Meeting, Publications and Sales, Approved NMOS Board Meeting minutes, scanned past issues of the **NMOS Bulletin** and, in the future **NMOS Field Notes**, a link to the **NMOS Field Notes Database**, and numerous other links.

**Rare Bird Alert:** The Rare Bird Alert was started by Pat Snider and Christopher Rustay (who donated the first phone) in 1991 and was called the Rare Bird Report. It is updated on Mondays and Thursdays, and is available on the NMOS website. It can also be found on the AZ-NM birding listserve and Birding on the Net.

**NMOS Bulletin:** Rob Doster, editor, has two papers in review/revision. He encouraged members to submit more papers/significant observations; he is working on a set of instructions for authors. He is aiming for a June publication date for the next issue.

**NMOS Field Notes:** Sandy Williams and Bill Howe, editors, have succeeded in getting the publication as current as **North American Birds**.

**Bird Records Committee:** Sandy Williams provided an explanation of the process for submitting records and the process that the BRC uses to review these submissions. Three more species (Iceland Gull, Green Kingfisher, and Black-capped Gnatcatcher) have been added to the New Mexico list during the last round of reviews, for a total of 520 species for the state. One or two more species may be added after the next round of reviews.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

**Election of NMOS Board:** The Nominating Committee consisted of Sandy Williams (chair), Bill Howe, and Dave Mehlman. The following slate of officers was presented: Roland Shook (President), Dave Krueper (Vice President), Jerry Oldenettel (Treasurer), Nancy Cox (Secretary), Janet Ruth (Director), Martha Desmond (Director), and Chuck Hayes (Director). The slate was approved.

**Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant:** The Research Grant Committee announced the award of a \$1000 grant to David Griffin (Griffin Biological Services) for additional work in the Big Burro Mountains during spring migration and summer breeding season (David received a 2007 Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant for winter work in the Big Burros).

It was announced that the next NMOS Annual Meeting will be held in Los Alamos in the spring of 2009. The next meeting of the NMOS Board will be in August.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The annual meeting continued with a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish/NMOS jointly sponsored Gray Vireo Symposium from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed in the afternoon by an NMOS Science Session (1:00 – 5:30 p.m.) held concurrently with a final Gray Vireo Symposium Round Table discussion (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.). See the [NMOS Website](http://www.nmbirds.org) for abstracts of all presentations. Abstracts will

also be published in the **NMOS Bulletin**, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish plans to produce a more detailed publication from the Gray Vireo Symposium.

The evening banquet was also held at the Vagabond Inn at 6:30 p.m., followed by a keynote slide presentation by Dr. J. David Ligon, Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico. Dr. Ligon gave a retrospective on his research career entitled "Cooperation and Cooperative Breeding: Woodpeckers, Woodhoopoes and Jays", with a focus on his work with Acorn Woodpeckers, Green Woodhoopoes, and Pinyon Jays.

Registration/attendance for the Annual Meeting was 81 people.

A field trip on Sunday, April 13, visited Gray Vireo habitat and presented Gray Vireo management issues at Kirtland Air Force Base.

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