

Minutes of the 2009 NMOS Annual Meeting

The New Mexico Ornithological Society held its annual meeting on April 25, 2009, at the Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos, New Mexico, with associated field trips on April 24 and 26. Present were NMOS Officers and Board Members - Roland Shook, Dave Krueper, Jerry Oldenettel, Janet Ruth, Sandy Williams, Rob Doster, Martha Desmond, Chuck Hayes, and Nancy Cox - and numerous other NMOS members.

Registration began at 8:00 a.m. The NMOS Business Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Roland Shook, who gave a greeting to the membership and introduced the officers.

Minutes were read from the previous meeting and it was announced that the minutes would be posted on the web.

Treasurer's Report: see attached.

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

Website: Janet Ruth introduced the new design for the NMOS website (<http://www.nmbirds.org>) and thanked Dillon Shook for his technical help in accomplishing the site's new look.

Rare Bird Alert: The Rare Bird Alert is updated twice weekly. We have many people out there reporting their sightings.

NMOS Bulletin: Rob Doster (editor) will have the next issue ready in June. We will be conservative with the use of color figures/pictures because it doubles the price of printing. Rob has 2 manuscript submissions and will publish the abstracts from this annual meeting.

NMOS Field Notes: Sandy Williams is the editor and Bill Howe is the assistant editor. They have 2 issues for 2008 ready and encourage the membership to look at the database.

Bird Records Committee: We now have 523 confirmed species for New Mexico, with one additional species in circulation for consideration by the BRC.

NMOS Field Notes Database: Data published in the NMOS Field Notes is available and searchable on the web through a partnership between NMOS and Natural Heritage New Mexico. There are links from the NMOS website.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Ryan Beaulieu Research Grant: The Research Grant Committee announced the award of a \$1000 grant to John Kaufman for research on the effects of shrub (creosote and honey mesquite) control using herbicides on breeding bird densities and species diversity, and another \$1000 grant to Raymond VanBuskirk and Michael Hilchey for their work on Rosy-Finches (using DNA analysis to confirm new means of sexing Rosy-Finches by plumage, and using radio transmitters to locate winter roosting sites).

Florence M. Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award: It was announced that James Travis had been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for all of his contributions to ornithology in New Mexico – 2 stints as president of NMOS, responsible for the 1st NMOS meeting, Field Notes, 1st documentation of a Rusty Blackbird, organizing the Los Alamos County Breeding Bird Atlas, studies on Yellow-billed Cuckoo, vocalization work and his mentoring of many birders.

It was announced that the next NMOS Annual Meeting will be held in Albuquerque in the spring of 2010 (date not yet selected).

Steve Fettig was recognized as the local meeting organizer and Martha Desmond as the chair of the NMOS Science Session.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The Annual Meeting continued with an NMOS Science Session from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The continuation of the Science Session in the afternoon from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. began with a presentation and demonstration on “The Preparation of a Scientific Bird Specimen” by Andy Johnson (Museum of Southwestern Biology), followed by additional scientific presentations.

The evening banquet was also held at Fuller Lodge at 6:30 p.m., followed by a keynote presentation by Dr. Natasha Carr, U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins Science Center, Fort Collins, CO. Dr. Carr gave a presentation entitled “*Thinking Like a Mountain: How Fire Influences Bird Communities in the Rockies*”, which included results of her studies in the area around Los Alamos following the Cerro Grande fire.

Registration/attendance for the Annual Meeting was 45 people.

A field trip on Friday evening, April 24 looked for owls in various habitats along an elevational gradient in and around Los Alamos; another field trip on Sunday morning, April 26 looked for Dusky Grouse along the Pajarito Ski Basin Loop trail.

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