

UFO OF ROSWELL  
Minutes, September 28, 2013 - 184 E. College

The meeting was called to order by Steve Smith, Acting President, at 10:35 am. There were 9 members present.

The minutes were read and a motion was made by Dale Wilkins to accept as presented. The motion carried.

Mike Richardson, Acting Treasurer, reported the treasury balance remains the same as presented in August. No action was needed.

Patrick Collins presented a field trip report outlining how he felt this committee should be organized. After some discussion, Dale Wilkins made a motion to accept this basic guideline with some revision relating to participants as was discussed. Patrick will make the changes resulting from our discussion and present a revised guideline at the November meeting. A copy of his proposal is attached.

Patrick Collins thanked Dee Redd for coordinating the Hawk Watch field trip. Four members were able to attend. Dee presented a complete report along with the total bird count. Report is attached. Patrick made a motion that we give the Huning family who led the trip, an honorary membership to UFO of Roswell plus present them each with a UFO T Shirt. The motion carried.

Dale Wilkins presented his website report. He asked that the membership e-mail any additions or information to him at [Sundog@att.net](mailto:Sundog@att.net). If he is not able to post the information in a timely manner he will acknowledge that to the sender. Dale said there is a Field Trip link on the website. He will be happy to work with anyone on special links pertaining to field trips or bird lists.

Patrick Collins announced that E-Bird has a national challenge for birders to go to a local National Wildlife Refuge and report as many birds as possible, the week of October 14. Patrick suggested that UFO members meet at Bitter Lake NWR on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 am to do a count. Jim Montgomery volunteered to guide the group. It was agreed that any member can go to the refuge on their own during that week to count birds. These counts along with Saturdays will be given to Steve Smith to send on to E-Bird.

Steve Smith announced that we have several upcoming activities for UFO involvement. He explained that there is a difference between a UFO sponsored field trip, and various projects that we are invited to participate in. Field Trips are set up by UFO, projects are set up by another group and we are asked to participate.

An upcoming event that UFO is sponsoring is a social event for the NM State Audubon board t on November 7. Steve will tour the Smith Bird Sanctuary with the Audubon members in the afternoon, and then our UFO members plus the Audubon board will meet at Steve's house for cocktails and Hors d' oeuvres at 5:30 pm, 3012 Diamond A. Dr. Dee Redd and Emmalee Knadle volunteered to help with the set up and clean up for this event.

Wed and Thursday, November 6-7, Dana Strange will be at Bottomless State Park with Fifth graders from Washington Avenue School. They will have a field trip from 9 am to 12:30 pm. UFO members are invited to help, but Audubon must run a background check on each of us that volunteer. Members wishing to participate need to let Steve know as soon as possible as the background checks take about two weeks.

In November, Bosque Del Apache NWR hosts the Festival of the Cranes. This is the Week of November 17. Any UFO members interested in car pooling or meeting over there to bird should call Steve Smith to coordinate.

December 14, is the national Christmas Bird Count coordinated by Bitter Lake NWR. Those interested in helping should contact Francisco at Bitter Lake. Mike Richardson made a motion that UFO of Roswell sign up for two of the count areas. The motion passed.

Mike Richardson announced that he will be going to Maui Hawaii in January. If any UFO birder would be interested in meeting with him while he is there he will lead a birding trip. More information will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be on November 16, at 9am.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Emmalee Knadle, Acting Secretary.