

# UNITED FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS OF ROSWELL

February 27, 2016

UFO of Roswell met at Mike Richardson's Enchanted Farm Retreat after a couple of hours of good birding at Bitter Lake NWR.

The meeting was called to order at 10:25. President Bill Siders introduced new member Matt Rothrock, intern biologist at BWR; Grant Beauprez, wildlife biologist from Texico; Jim & Cindy Dickert visiting from Mesa, AZ; and Bob Nieman, member and guest speaker from Carlsbad, NM.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$1451.86. A list of paid members was passed out.

Nancy Siders advised us to watch facebook for updates on field trips. Upcoming trips will be Waldrop Rest Stop/Mescalero Sands/ Prairie Chicken; Rattlesnake Springs; Palo Duro Canyon; Smith Sanctuary, Bottomless Lakes, Hondo River, Ft. Stanton.

Bill Siders reported that we will have a fall training session for boy scouts in conjunction with RMAC and Audubon. Bob Nieman may help.

Steve Smith reported that Eagle Scouts and some helpers will work on 2 Burrowing Owl projects at the J. Kenneth Smith Sanctuary. Materials will be donated by Home Depot and use of a tractor from the city.

Bill Siders reported that the Spring Bird Count will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May.

After a great lunch, Bob Nieman gave an in-depth presentation on the myriad uses of e-bird. Everyone was most appreciative of his valuable insight and information. Thanks, Bob!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30.