

United Field Ornithologists of Roswell



UFO-Roswell Meeting Minutes – May 31, 2014

1. Members Present: Jeff Cohen, Dee Redd, King Redd, Steve Smith, Nancy Cluff Siders, Bill Siders, Dale Wilkins, Robert Willis, Mike Richardson, Emmalee Albrecht Knadle, Andrew Hersey, Rita Jensen
2. Guest: Suzanne Blackburn Lamontine
3. Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2014
 - a. Patrick presented the draft of the minutes
 - b. There were corrections to attendance
 - c. The minutes were approved as corrected
4. President's report (Steve Smith)
 - a. Steve presented the meeting agenda and it was adopted
 - b. Steve introduced Suzanne Lamontine to the group
 - c. President's Update
 - i. Several members have, or will go, on out-of-state excursions
5. Treasurer's Report (Mike Richardson)
 - a. Mike gave a bank account handout (updated)
 - b. Mike shared an updated paid membership list
6. Secretary's Report (Patrick Collins)
 - a. Emailing Lists Update
 - i. Patrick informed members that he can provide updated mailing lists, appropriately filtered to target population, upon request
 - b. Facebook Page Update
 - i. Patrick noted the increased membership
 - ii. Patrick thanked members for sharing pictures, links etc.
7. Events
 - a. Reports
 - i. Mini Festival at Rattlesnake Springs – Mike, Steve & Emmalee
 1. Steve reported a total of \$600.00, received with a net of 386.78
 2. The members agreed that the event was a success
 3. Several volunteers were invaluable to the success;

- a. King and Dee brought the food and tables
 - b. Patrick did the sign-ups and collections
 - c. Nancy did Facebook and coordination
 - d. Steve West, Bob Nieman , and Jeff were great and informative guides
 - e. Steve & Emily coordinated the meet-up at Enchanted farm
 - f. Dale published notices in RDR
 - g. Others whom Patrick forgot to write down (??)
 - ii. Spring Bird Count (May 10th) – Bill
 - 1. The count was a success – all areas were covered
 - 2. The total count was 126 species
 - 3. Future responsibility for this count is “up-in-the-air”, pending NWR decisions
 - 4. The membership gave thanks and congratulations to Bill for such a great, and difficult, job of pulling this whole event together
8. Field Trip Committee (Patrick Collins)
- a. Past Trip Reports
 - i. Spotted Owl and Nogal Canyon – May 3, 2014
 - 1. Nine members participated; two guests from Lincoln County participated (and joined UFO-Roswell!!!)
 - 2. We did not see the spotted owl, but enjoyed the hike up the old ski area, had a wonderful lunch in the pines and saw several warblers
 - 3. The members thanked Jeff for his guiding
 - 4. A sub-group drove back through Lincoln, and stopped at the “Steve Smith Black Hawk Viewpoint”, just West of town, for some very productive viewing and photography. All present agreed this was a bonus highlight of the trip!!
 - ii. Melrose Trap (“Catch-as-catch-can” trip) May 23rd - Nancy
 - 1. Nancy assumed responsibility for the spontaneous organization of this trip; she organized the Facebook Event
 - 2. Seven members participated in a two vehicle caravan
 - 3. Andrew Hersey was a truly informative and enthusiastic guide
 - 4. The trip included Melrose Trap, Ned Houk Memorial Park north of Clovis and Oasis State Park northwest of Portales
 - 5. The group ate a leisurely lunch at DKs Mediterranean Cuisine in Clovis – the food was delicious; the service was very “leisurely”
 - 6. The members commended Nancy for a great job of organizing this event
 - 7. All agreed that Andrew was awesome!!

9. Web-site Update - Steve reported that future website management will be performed by a contractor
10. T-Shirt Update - Dale
 - a. Dale circulated a T-shirt design and the members selected the final option
 - b. The members agreed to pricing and mailing costs recommended by the Executive Committee
 - c. The members approved free T-shirts for selected field guides from past trip; all aid participants in the Mini-Festival will receive a T-shirt
 - d. The plan for purchasing inventory with a surplus was also approved
 - e. T-Shirts will be circulated upon receipt; they will also be available for pick-up at the next meeting
11. Next Meeting – July 26, 2014

Respectfully submitted: Patrick Collins