

**Minutes of the LOS Fall Meeting
Cameron, LA
Friday, October 30, 2009**

Vice-President Linda Stewart-Knight called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and welcomed new members and guests. Linda thanked JoAnn Nunez and Cyndi Sellers for making the Cameron meeting arrangements, the Cameron Tourist Commission for providing refreshments, Judith O'Neale, Elouise Mullen, Joelle Finley and Anne Rheams for working the registration and sales tables.

Linda announced that Ed Wallace will lead Saturday's field trip and all participants should meet in the Cameron Motel parking lot at 7 A.M.

Judith announced that the Yellow Rail and Rice Festival will be canceled on Saturday because of wet weather but will commence on Sunday. Participants need to be in Thornwell by 11:30 A.M. The festival will also take place the following week-end in Thornwell.

Marty Guidry announced that the Sabine CBC will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Linda introduced the evening's program presented by Carol Foil and Joelle Finley. They presented a slide show on a recent trip to Peru led by LOS past-president Karen Fay which included a trip to Machu Picchu and birding in Manu National Park.

Judith drew for door prizes and announced that Saturday's meeting would be held at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Oak Grove.

Saturday, October 31, 2009

President Nancy Menasco called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed all new members and guests. Nancy thanked JoAnn Nunez and Cyndi Sellers for making the meeting arrangements, the Cameron 4-H group for the chicken-sausage gumbo, Judith O'Neale, Elouise Mullen, Joelle Finley and Anne Rheams for working the registration and sales tables, and Ed Wallace for leading the morning field trip.

Nancy introduced the officers and board of directors: President Nancy Menasco, Vice-president Linda Stewart-Knight, Treasurer Judith O'Neale, Secretary Joelle Finley, board members Joan Brown, Jackie Duncan and Ed Wallace. Absent were past-president Bill Fontenot, LOS NEWS editor Bob Hamilton and JLO editor Jim Ingold.

Rosemary Seidler moved and Harriet Pooler seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Judith presented the treasurer's report.

The nominating committee represented by Rosemary Seidler introduced the list of candidates for election of officers:

President-Linda Stewart-Knight
Vice-President- Ed Wallace
Treasurer-Judith O'Neale
Secretary-Joelle Finley
SW/Central LA Board Member-Jackie Duncan

Marty Guidry moved, seconded by Rosemary Seidler to accept the slate of candidates. Passed unanimously. Nancy congratulated the winners and thanked the nominating committee for their work. Nancy announced that Curt Sorrels will be appointed the SE board member to fill the seat vacated by Ed Wallace.

Nancy introduced the evening's speaker, John Arvin from the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. John's talk was titled "Science and Conservation on the northwestern Gulf coast (and beyond)".

Linda called the check list. 158 species (adjusted to 166)

Linda announced the upcoming winter meeting in Baton Rouge will be held January 29-30 at the Holiday Inn Select. The meeting is sponsored by Baton Rouge Audubon Society. Nancy announced the spring meeting will be in Cameron, April 23-24.

Judith drew for door prizes.

Marty Guidry asked for nominees for the President's Award and the George H. Lowery, Jr. Award which will be presented during the spring meeting. Marty announced the date for the Sabine Christmas Bird Count will be December 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joelle Finley
Secretary
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