

**2011 LOS Fall Meeting, Cameron
Friday, October 28
Minutes**

President Linda Stewart-Knight called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed members and guests, especially new members. She thanked those who helped to organize the meeting: JoAnn Nunez, The Cameron Tourist Commission and Capt. Sammie Falk, Judith O'Neale, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris for registration and sales.

Linda introduced Jane Patterson of BRAS who runs the "Kids Who Bird" program. She in turn introduced Alex Haun, the recipient of the "Kids Who Bird" Scholarship. Alex related his experiences of the birding camp he attended in the summer.

Linda presented the program "**What Bird? Where?**", a slide show on her recent trip to Kenya.

Linda announced that she and Ed Wallace will lead Saturday's field trip that will begin at 7 am in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel.

Judith announced that all birding areas were open in Cameron with the exception of the Rockefeller Refuge road and that LOS logo items can be purchased online through LOS Stores. She drew for door prizes.

Linda announced to return badges if not returning Saturday and bid everyone a good night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectively submitted by:
Joelle Finley
Secretary
November 26, 2011

**Minutes of the 2011 LOS Fall Meeting Cameron
First Baptist Church, Saturday, October 29**

President Linda Stewart-Knight called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm and welcomed members, guests and any new members. Linda thanked JoAnn Nunez for helping with the Cameron arrangements, Judith, Joelle and Ken for working the registration and sales tables. Also, she gave a big thanks to the Cameron 4-H group for the chicken-sausage gumbo. Linda introduced the officers and board of directors of LOS: Linda Stewart-Knight-President, Ed Wallace-Vice-President, Judith O'Neale-Treasurer, Joelle Finley-Secretary, Nancy Menasco-Past-President, Board Members Steve Pagan, Jackie Duncan and Curt Sorrels, LOS NEWS Editor-Bob Hamilton and JLO Editor- Jennifer Coulson.

Dave Patton moved, Curt Sorrels seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor

Judith gave the treasurer's report.

Linda introduced nominating committee chair, Nancy Menasco, who announced the slate of candidates as follows: President-Linda Stewart-Knight, Vice-President- Ed Wallace, Treasurer-Judith O'Neale, Secretary-Joelle Finley and South-east LA Board Member-Christine Kooi

Nancy asked if there were any nominations from the floor and called the vote. All approved.

Linda introduced the evening's speaker, Phil Stouffer. Phil is Professor of Conservation Biology in the School of Renewable Natural Resources at LSU, and a researcher for the LSU AgCenter. Among his many projects include winter ecology of Henslow's Sparrows, effects of forest fragmentation on Amazonian birds, Rusty Blackbirds in Louisiana and bird communities in swamp forests. The title of his talk was **Louisiana's Grassland Birds: History and Future Prospects.**

VP Ed Wallace called the checklist. 188 species seen.

Linda announced that the winter meeting will be held in Lake Charles, January 27-29, 2012 and the spring meeting dates in Cameron are April 27-28.

Judith announced that LOS logo items can be bought from the LOS Online Store and she drew the door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm
Respectively submitted by:
Joelle Finley
November 26, 2011

