

**2013 LOS Spring Meeting, Cameron
First Baptist Church
Minutes
Friday, April 26**

President Ed Wallace called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed new members, members and guests.

Ed thanked those who worked to organize and run the meeting, JoAnn Nunez, Cyndi Sellers, Judith O'Neale, Joseph Valle, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris, along with the Cameron Police Jury for free passes to the East Jetty and finally Capt. Sammie Faulk and the Cameron Parish Tourist Commission for the snacks. Ed gave a special thanks to those who made donations towards the spring meeting.

Ed introduced the speaker, Jared Wolfe who spoke on "Bird Banding in Baton Rouge and Beyond! An introduction to the Bluebonnet Swamp Bird Monitoring Project".

Ed announced Saturday's field trip which will meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel at 7:00 AM. Judith discussed what areas would be open for birding.

Judith drew for door prizes.

Ed announced that the fall meeting will be held one week early so as not to conflict with the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival. The meeting dates will be October 18-19.

Ed wished everyone a good evening and good birding. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted by:

Joelle Finley

Secretary

May 3, 2013

**Minutes LOS Spring Meeting
First Baptist Church, Cameron
Saturday, April 28, 2013**

President Ed Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed new members, members and guests. Ed thanked those who helped organized and run the meeting: Judith O'Neale, Joseph Vallee, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris for working the registration and sales tables, Jo Ann Nunez and Cyndi Sellers for making the Cameron arrangements, GiGi's and Tanya Hardie for the delicious meal, The Cameron Police Jury for providing free passes to the East Jetty and a special thank you to all who made generous donations to LOS for this meeting.

Ed introduced the officers and board of LOS: President Ed Wallace, Vice-President Marty Floyd, Treasurer Judith O'Neale, Secretary Joelle Finley, Past-president Linda Stewart-Knight, board members Jay Huner, Christine Kooi and newly appointed board member Larry Raymond. Also introduced were the LOS New Editor Kimberly Lanka, and the editor of JLO Jennifer Coulson.

Ed introduced Marty Guidry, chair of the awards committee, who presented the 2013 LOS Awards: Lowery Award to Dave Patton for managing the BRAS Peveto Woods Sanctuary; his work banding hummingbirds in south Central LA; his work with beach nesting surveys and CBCs; his past work on the LA Bird Records Committee; his Breeding Bird Survey studies and his work on the 2007 ABA Meeting in Lafayette. President's Awards were presented to Paul Conover for developing and maintaining an online resource for the LA Bird Records Committee; his work with the LA Birding Atlas; his membership on the LBRC and to Rosemary Seidler for developing and maintaining the LA Parish Bird Checklist series; her contributions to the CBCs in LA

Ed introduced this evening's speakers-Rick and Elis Simpson from the UK. They spoke on "Wader Quest - Ambassadors for Shorebirds".

Judith gave an update on the Whooping Crane re-introduction project. 1 bird survived from 2010, 75% survived from 2011 and 14 birds were released in 2013. There are a total of 26 birds out of 40 surviving with 15 females and 11 males. There might be one possible mating pair forming.

Marty Floyd called the check list. 207 species were seen.

Ed announced that Kristin Brzeski will be banding birds at Peveto on Sunday and that LOS meeting attendees are more than welcome to visit and see birds in-the-hand.

Ed mentioned that the LOS officers visited the Sweet Lake Land Co. for an informal boat tour of their rookeries. Sweet Lake is forming a tour company called Grosse Savanne Eco-tours.

Judith drew for door prizes.

Ed thanked everyone for coming and announced that the fall meeting will be in Cameron 1 week early, October 18th and 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joelle Finley
Secretary
May 3, 2013