

**Minutes of the 2014 LOS Spring Meeting, Cameron
First Baptist Church
Friday, April 25**

Vice-president Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed members and guests to Cameron, especially new members. Marty thanked those who worked to organize the meeting: JoAnn Nunez, Cyndi Sellars, Judith O'Neale, Joseph Valle, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris. Marty also thanked the Cameron Police Jury for free passes to the East Jetty and the Cameron Parish Tourist Commission for the snacks. Marty gave a special thanks to those who made donations to LOS for this meeting. Their badges have been marked with green stars.

Marty introduced the evening's speakers, Ken Harris and Joelle Finley. As a native Englishman, Ken who started birding seriously after a trip to Uganda in 1999, knows his country's many birding hotspots and has twitched a bird or two. Their talk was titled "Birding England with an Englishman".

Marty announced Saturday's field trip starting at 7:00 a.m. in the Cameron Motel parking lot.

Judith discussed what areas were open and drew door prizes.

Marty announced that the fall meeting will be in Cameron on October 24-25 and wished everyone a good evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joelle Finley, Secretary
May 2, 2014

**Minutes of the LOS Spring Meeting
First Baptist Church, Cameron
Saturday, April 26, 2014**

Vice-president Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed members, guests and especially and new members. Marty thanked those who worked to organize the meeting: JoAnn Nunez, Cyndi Sellars, Judith O'Neale, Joseph Valle, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris. Marty also thanked the Cameron Police Jury for free passes to the East Jetty and GiGi's for the delicious meal. Marty gave a special thanks to those who made donations to LOS for this meeting. Their badges have been marked with green stars.

Marty 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 Larry Raymond. Also introduced were the LOS New Editor Kimberly Lanka, and the editor of JLO Jennifer Coulson.

Marty introduced Marty Guidry, chair of the awards committee, who presents the 2014 LOS Awards: George H. Lowery, Jr Award to Richard DeMay and President's Awards to Marty Floyd, Laurence M. (Mac) Hardy and Charles Lyon.

Marty introduced the evening's speaker-Dr. Frank Moore, Distinguished Professor in the Department of

Biological Sciences at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Moore received his B.S. from Ohio Wesleyan University, his M.S from Northern Illinois before finally moving south for his Ph.D. at Clemson University. Tonight he will talk to us on the “decisions” a migrating songbird must make in response to the challenges that arise en route, focusing on the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico, arguably the most important stopover area for intercontinental migrants in North America. His presentation is titled “A Place to Land? Stopover Biology of Intercontinental Songbird Migrants”

Marty Guidry called the check list-194 species seen.

Jay Huner announced LOS nominees for the LWF conservation awards-Roger Breedlove, Charlie Lyons and Richard Gibbons.

Judith drew the door prizes.

Marty thanked everyone for coming and announced the fall meeting in Cameron, October 24th and 25th. Please return your name badges.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joelle Finley

May 2, 2014