

**Minutes LOS Spring Meeting Cameron
First Baptist Church
Friday, April 24, 2015**

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: Joanne Nunez and Cyndi Sellers, Judith, Joseph, Joelle and Marianne Thompson for working the registration and sales tables, The Cameron Police Jury for free passes to the East Jetty, the Cameron Parish Tourist Commission for the snacks and a special thank-you to all who made generous donations to LOS for this meeting. Marty thanked Dave Patton and Mac Myers for helping to plant trees at the Apache property and Kermit Cummings for donating a portion on his book sales at the meeting to LOS. He wrote [A Backyard Birding Adventure](#).

Marty introduced LDWF Whooping Crane biologist Sara Zimorski. Originally from Charlottesville, Virginia, Sara studied biology at the University of Virginia before moving to Baraboo, Wisconsin to work at the International Crane Foundation. She ran the captive breeding program and was fortunate to escape most Wisconsin winters by migrating south to Florida with the Whooping Cranes. She moved to Louisiana in 2001 just before the first cohort of Whooping Cranes arrived. She spoke on "An Update and Current Status of Louisiana Whooping Cranes".

Marty announced Saturday's field trips which will meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel at 7:00 AM. Ed Wallace will lead one group, Marty Floyd will lead another group and Steve and Donna will lead a third group.

Judith discussed what areas are open and LDWF ornithologist Samantha Collins discussed Saturday's LDWF sponsored boat trips to Rabbit Island at 1:00 and 2:30 and a visit to Nunez Woods. Judith drew door prizes

Marty announced that the fall meeting will be in Cameron, October 23-24 and to turn in badges if not returning on Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joelle Finley, Secretary
May 1, 2015

**Minutes LOS Spring Meeting
First Baptist Church, Cameron
April 25, 2015**

President Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., welcomed members, guests and new members. Marty thanked those who helped organize the meeting: Judith O'Neale, Joseph Vallee, Joelle Finley and Marianne Thompson for working the registration and sales tables; Jo Ann Nunez and Cyndi Sellers for making the Cameron arrangements; Tressie Smith 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

Marty introduced the officers and board of directors of LOS: Marty Floyd-President, Donna Dittmann-Vice-President, Judith O'Neale-Treasurer, Joelle Finley-Secretary, Ed Wallace-Past-President, Board Members Larry Raymond, North LA and Christine Kooi, SE LA, LOS NEWS Editor-Kimberly Lanka and JLO Editor- Jennifer Coulson.

Marty introduced Marty Guidry, chair of the awards committee to present the 2015 LOS Awards. Marty G. announced that LOS will at times present a special award and introduced Dave Patton to present an award to Judith O'Neale for service to LOS since 1995. She was presented a carved Vermilion Flycatcher.

Marty G. and Carol Lynn Loker presented the Lowery Award to Tom Hess (accepted by his widow Charlotte) and Robert Love for their work with the re-introduction of Whooping Crane to Louisiana. A special mention was given to Sara Simmonds for her Whooping Crane advocacy.

Marty G. presented the President's Awards to Shirley and Kevin Berken for their work since 2009 with the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival, Carrie Stansbury for the Eagle Expo which started in 2006 and Delaina LeBlanc for her work with shore bird surveys.

Marty introduced Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr. Sid is a Life Member of LOS, receiving his BS from UNO, his PhD from LSU and he did his post-doctoral fellowship at University of Georgia. He is retired from Clemson where he taught ornithology, animal behavior and behavioral ecology in the Department of Biological Sciences. He currently consults in the area of Remote Sensing and Technology and is a part-time faculty member in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois where he works on the assessment of avian radars. He spoke on "The Use of Radar to Study Biological Targets in the Atmosphere".

Steve Cardiff called the check list-192 species (the total rose to 200).

Judith drew the door prizes. The raffled print was won by Jackie Duncan.

Marty thanked everyone for coming and announced the fall meeting will be in Cameron, October 23-24.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joelle Finley

Secretary

May 1, 2015