

**2016 LOS Winter Meeting, Monroe**  
**Black Bayou Lake NWR**  
**Minutes**  
**Friday, January 29**

Marty Floyd welcomed members and guests especially any New Members. He asked new members to stand and introduce themselves.

Marty gave special thanks to Ann Bloxom Smith and the Friends of Black Bayou for the great work of organizing this meeting and for providing the evenings goodies; Brett Hortman, Refuge Manager and Nova Clarke of the US Fish and Wildlife Service for allowing us to use Black Bayou Lake Visitor Center; Judith O'Neale, Joseph Vallee, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris for working the registration and sales tables; and John Dillon, Gerry Click, Steve and Donna, Roselie Overby, and Joan Brown for leading the field trips.

Marty introduced Nova Clarke of the US Fish and Wildlife Service who welcomed us.

Marty introduced the evening's speakers, Judith O'Neale and Joseph Vallee. The title of their talk was "Barrow Alaska – In Search of the Ross's Gull".

Marty introduced each field trip leader to talk about their trips. 1. Donna and Steve, 2. Roselie Overby, 3. Joan Brown, 4. Joelle Finley for John Dillon

Judith O'Neale drew for door prizes.

Marty introduced Malise Prieto who passed out flyers announcing the Great Louisiana BirdFest at the North Lake Nature Center, April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joelle Finley, Secretary  
February 3, 2016

**Minutes LOS Winter Meeting  
Black Bayou Lake NWF  
Saturday, January 30, 2016**

President Marty Floyd welcomed members and guests especially any new members. He asked new members to stand and introduce themselves.

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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-N LA, Joseph Vallee-SW/Central LA, Christine Kooi-SE LA and LOS NEWS Editor-Kimberly Lanka and JLO Editor- Jennifer Coulson

Marty introduced Nova Clarke from Black Bayou NWR to welcome us.

Marty introduced Keith Ouchley of The Nature Conservancy who introduced the evening's speaker Philip Hoose. Philip worked for decades at The Nature Conservancy and published 10 books, among them Moonbird: A year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 which follows a banded Red Knot. B95 was born in the Canadian Arctic in July, 1992 and has logged at least 320,000 miles throughout his life, which is equal to flying to the moon and half way back again! He is also author of The Race to Save the Lord God Bird and the children's book Hey, Little Ant. Phillip Hoose was born in Indiana and educated at Indiana University and the Yale School of Forestry. He resides in Portland, Maine with his wife Sandy St. George. The title of his talk tonight was "Moonbird and Beyond".

John Dillon called the check list with 102 species seen.

Sunday's field trips were canceled. Judith drew for door prizes. Allison Wilkes won the raffle, an IBWP print.

Donna announced the Shore Bird Extravaganza will be held the last week-end in April.

Marty announces that the spring meeting will be held in Cameron on April 22-23 and the fall meeting will be in Cameron on October 28-29.

Nominations for the 2016 LOS President's Award and the George H. Lowry, Jr. Award should be sent to Marty Guidry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joelle Finley, Secretary  
February 4, 2016