

**2016 LOS Spring Meeting, Cameron
First Baptist Church
Minutes
Friday, April 22**

President Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed members and guests to Cameron. Marty thanked those who worked to organize the meeting: Joanne Nunez and Cyndi Sellers; Judith, Joseph, Joelle and Ken for working the registration and sales tables; Judith for thinking of all of us and purchasing the new LOS name badge holders; 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 introduced the speaker Dr. Erik Johnson, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon Louisiana and Vice President of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society. Erik received his PhD from LSU in 2011 where he studied the effects of fire management on wintering Henslow's Sparrow populations, and also the effects of forest fragmentation on bird communities in the central Amazon basin in Brazil, where he is still participates in teaching banding workshops and advising graduate research. In his role at Audubon, Erik works to improve and protect nesting habitat for coastal birds, develops bird research and citizen science initiatives, and implements conservation strategies that benefit migratory birds here in Louisiana and beyond. The title of his talk was **Prothonotary Warbler, A Swamp Canary in the Coal Mine.**

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

Judith discussed what areas are open, and drew for door prizes

Marty announced that the fall meeting will be in Cameron on October 28-29.

Larry Raymond announced that the Shreveport area is going to re-activate their birding club. If anyone is interested, they can contact Larry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joelle Finley, secretary
April 30, 2016

**Minutes LOS Spring Meeting
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President Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and welcomed members, guests and especially any new members. Marty thanked those who helped with 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; Tressie Smith for the delicious jambalaya and peach cobbler; the Cameron Police Jury for providing free passes to the East Jetty; 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 Joseph Vallee-SW/Central LA, Larry Raymond –North LA, and Christine Kooi-SE LA; LOS NEWS Editor-Kimberly Lanka; JLO Editor- Jennifer Coulson

Marty presented the 2016 LOS Awards:

President's Awards-Erik Johnson, Donata Henry and Sammy King

George H Lowery, Jr Award was presented by Marty and Carol Lynn Lowery Loker to Dr. Tom Sherry.

Marty introduced the speaker Paul Baicich, co-author of Guide to the Nests, Eggs and Nestlings of North American Birds and co-author of the recent book, Wild Bird Feeding in America. Paul has been an active conservationist and birder since his early teens in New York City. A former employee of the American Birding Association, he edited 14 of their "ABA Birdfinding Guides," edited *Birding*, ABA's bi-monthly magazine, and served as ABA's Director of Conservation and Public Policy. Paul directs Great Birding Projects as a vehicle to promote a creative approach to bird-related editing, education, tourism, and marketing. It is not "strictly birding," and it is not "strictly conservation." Paul works with colleagues to make GBP function as a bridge to an innovative engagement between people and birds. Tonight he spoke on: **Feeding Wild Birds in America: Culture, Commerce, and Conservation by.**

Steve Cardiff called the check list-198 species.

Judith drew the door prizes.

Marty thanked all for coming and announced the fall meeting in Cameron, October 28rd and 29th.

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Joelle Finley, secretary

April 30, 2016