

Minutes
UFO of Roswell
Enchanted Farm's
1804 E. Country Club
December 1, 2012
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Agenda presented by Steve Smith, see attached.

Present: Steve Smith, Mike Richardson, Patrick Collins, Emmalee Knadle, Susan Clem, Dee and King Redd, Johnny Bliznak, and Melanie Deason.

Start at 10:30 am, at Mike Richardson's property, the Retreat at Enchanted Farms, in Roswell.

Old Business:

1. **Field Trip to Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge** last month was a success with several attending; brief overview with consensus of an enjoyable outing
2. **E-mail Newsletter handed out (11/5/2012)** for reading at your leisure; also emailed. It is also on our website UFOofRoswell.com.
3. **Christmas Bird Count 12-15, 2012** – See Attachment/2 pages. Teams are being selected with several sections already filled. Emails are going back/forth for positions in those groups. A few sections are still needing participants. East Grand Plains is preferred area for King and Dee Redd. Steve has a vehicle that can take 8, with Section 6 preferred. Meet at 7 am at Denny's for breakfast, leaving at 8 am to count the section 8, of a group of 5 already confirmed as counters. Each group will contact the bird count coordinator, Francisco Anaya, to confirm their respective section. The count activity is described as follows: drive the area, park at appropriate area, and members list/count types of birds seen at each parked spot. Emmalee and Melanie will go with the Redds – with breakfast at their house, 379 East Grand Plains Road and School Road.
4. **Rosy Finch – January 19, 2013** – Back road/east side to Sandia Mtns is one route. Walk ¼ mile to the Crest House Restaurant (now closed), so the deck can be used as a feeding area for the 3 species of finches – Black, Grey Crowned, and Brown Capped. Now there is a banding project happening in the parking lot below the former Crest House. Jeff will inquire if this is still happening and help us coordinate going out for this banding/viewing adventure. Google: Rosy Finch Scandia's and there is lots of information.
5. **ABA Bird Rally – See Handout - Albq Feb 16-20, 2013** – 8 slots available out of 40 for this bird rally – see attached. Field trips, speakers and observing of birds in their natural habitat. It is an enjoyable event, with birds to be seen at Embudito

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Canyon, Sandia Crest, Bosque del Apache NWR, etc for viewing of many birds not often seen. Website is www.aba.org and cost is \$675 for the 3 ½ day event.

Minutes of October 27, 2013: Corrections, as Emilee was not at the potluck annual meeting/party, whereas Dee and King Red and Melanie Deason were in attendance. Meeting minutes were approved/seconded with noted corrections, including a date of January 26, 2013 is correct, NOT 29th which was a verbal bobo.

Treasurer's Report \$287.77 – Steve Smith:

1. Bird seed is still for sale \$5 each – 6 sunflower and 2 thistles available.
2. Three checks were written last month for meat tray for annual potluck, picnic supplies, and refund of overpayment of a membership. Deposit of bird seed sales. Balance \$287.77.
3. Everything is paid up with the website until next year.

New Member Report – Emalee Knadle:

1. None at this point, and inviting Johnny to join us.
2. Group meets the last Saturday of the month, with exception of November/December or other holiday calendar corrections, meeting at 10:30 am for meeting, with birding event prior beginning at 8 am in cooler months. Earlier start in warmer months.
3. See attached Membership list of paid members.

New Business Item:

1. Secretary – Melanie Deason has volunteered to be our scribe.
2. Officers to be nominated for next year's President and Vice-President, with Steve remaining as Treasurer. Jeff may stepdown as President since he lives now in Ruidoso and getting married this month. Steve will ask him to stay, and club to officially rename these two officer positions as "Co-Chair". Emmalee stays on as Membership person. Programs Chairperson is needed, Website Chairperson (formerly Dale Wilkens; Steve not wanting the job, so this task to be helped by Susan Clem and another person to volunteer) with Laura Seekatz as paid website person.
3. Bird Festival Future has changed with Mike Richardson's coordinating efforts now reconsidered, as the Birding Festival becomes a business unto itself. April 18 planning was to be for 4 days, and have field trips unto Saturday and Sunday. However, daunting part is advertising, arranging meals/transportation/insurance

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/speakers. Mike now has two extra businesses on his plate; with his wife's B&B well under way. He cannot keep his commitment, but will be part of it. The group now is to decide if we want to go forward, and how that might look:

- It has been premised that the Lesser Prairie Chicken would be the draw, however need a guest speaker that is Keynote position. Emmalee Knadle's son is with the US Fish & Wildlife Foundation, as a conservation funding organization that works with BLM and the lechs.
 - Mike (husband of local Realtor) knows of many other lechs in the Roswell area. 45 miles east of Roswell, at Waldrip Rest Area is a spot for the Lesser Prairie Chicken, so the group could offer this as a resource for local viewing, and those folks continue with the Milnesand Group (their own sign-up).
 - We could do 2-3 different days of field trips at different locations: Carlsbad Caverns and the banding; Rattlesnake Springs birding in the morning; and Lesser Prairie Chicken as very early morning viewing at the local lechs.
 - The Roswell Lodger's Tax could be a funding source for advertising. But overall, we need a year plus of planning for a professional event.
 - **Thus, extensive discussion on how we can go with a personable local membership event in April 18-2-, 2013 with folks participating as a trial-run on the spots for enjoyment. Maybe reconsider by dropping the 18th Thursday, and use the 19th/20th as Fri/Sat as key days. 19th as Carlsbad and 20th as lechs, followed by afternoon BBQ at Retreat at Enchanted Farms, with a presentation by Dr. Johnny Bliznak on Hummingbirds.**
 - **If SIX active people are willing to work on this, then this can be a DO-able event. The sense is that we can be 'informal' and make it happen.**
4. New T-shirts effort with embroidered logo on the shirt, is still being researched. Donna Willis is working on this.
 5. Future Program by Dr. Hohnny Bliznak on Humming Birds should be enjoyable.

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2013 at Enchanted Farms which is Mike Richardson's residence, or 412 North Kentucky which is Steve's office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Have a Happy Holiday everyone!