Minutes of the LOS Winter Meeting, Lafayette
ULL Billeaud Hall
Friday, January 24, 2014

This meeting was canceled due to ice and snow!

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Alumni House
Saturday, January 25, 2014

President Ed Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. welcomed members and guests especially new members. Ed asked new members to stand and introduce themselves. Ed thanked everyone for braving the elements to attend. Ed gave special thanks to Judith O’Neale for all of the meeting arrangements, Ray Bauer for meeting setup and to Dave Patton for the fantastic field trips. He also thanked Kay Radlauer, Judith, Joseph, Joelle and Ken for working the registration and sales tables. A special thanks went to Landon Jones who was supposed to speak at Friday’s cancelled meeting.

Ed introduced the officers and board of LOS: President Ed Wallace, Vice-President Marty Floyd, Treasurer Judith O’Neale, Secretary Joelle Finley, and 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. Tom Eisler who was LOS President in the 1950s and Professor of Ornithology at ULL was introduced.

Ed introduced the evening’s speaker, LOS Board Member Larry Raymond. On a recent trip to Peru, Larry and LOS member Mac Hardy saw more than 400 species of birds, saw or heard more than 20 mammals including jaguar and added more than a dozen amphibians and reptiles to their life lists. Their title was “Birding in Peru: Lima, Pacific Coast, Cuzco, the Andes and Machu Picchu”.

Marty Floyd gave an update on the Chenier native seed plantings at Apache.

Ed announced that Nancy Newfield was featured in an article in the Thursday Wall Street Journal.

In lieu of the calling of the check list due to the frigid weather and the cancellation of Saturday’s official field trips, Marty asked for special bird sightings as follows: Cinnamon Teal, White-tailed Hawk, Brewer’s Blackbird, Sprague’s Pipit, Lapland Longspur, Fox Sparrow, Sandhill Crane, American Bittern, Vermilion Flycatcher, Crested Caracara, Virginia Rail, Merlin, and Inca Dove.

Dave Patton announced Sunday’s field trips. Erik Johnson will be banding at Palmetto State Park from dawn to noon, the organized trip to Crowley oxidation ponds will depart at 8 a.m. and return noon-1 p.m., lots of sparrows near Scott, Rice Experimental Station has Sprague’s Pipit and the Vincent Mini Refuge has 50k geese and thousands of ibis. Dave handed out self-guided handouts.

Judith gave special thanks to McIlheney, Wild Birds of Lafayette and Lowery Printing for their contributions to the meeting and she drew for door prizes.

Ed announced that nominations for the 2014 LOS President’s Award and the George H. Lowery, Jr. Award should be sent to Marty Guidry.
Ed announced that the spring meeting will be held in Cameron on April 25-26 and the fall meeting will be in Cameron on October 24-25 and he wished everyone safe travels and good birding. Please turn in name badges.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joelle Finley, Secretary
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