SCCE Birding and Nature Club Minutes January 8, 2024

Raul Garza, Resaca de la Palma Superintendent, gave a presentation "Migration Flyways and Population Management

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Stone at 8:14 p.m.

Last month's minutes were read and corrected as follows: Tony Adams consulted with Tom Stone and Tom Perrier about the trees that he bought. Tom Perrier approved the planting of the same trees in the Texas Ave park. The corrected minutes were approved.

Financial report: The current balance in our account is \$4703.00 Motion to accept financial report by Ralph, 2nd Mike Motion passed

Old Business: Motion was made by Linda, 2nd by Ralph to pay Tony for the trees that were planted. Motion passed

It was decided to form a committee that would involve Ralph, Tony, Tom P, Tom S, and Deb Gossman and a master gardener that she knows to see if there are better places for the trees to be planted.

Judy reported on the bird feeders, there has been a steady stream of birds at both feeders, it is going good.

Nancy Steele is working on the acknowledgement gift for Pat Harvey

New Business: The nominating committee will be Tom Stone and Ralph Peterson. The speaker for the Feb 5, 2024 meeting will be Tony Tramel. He will be talking about Purple Martins.

Ralph will be having a walk about in the future, he will send out an email as to what day it will be held..

The Christmas bird count included 11 people, 3 from the RV park. They identified 71 species. The birds they did not see that they usually do were Inca Doves and the Long Billed Thrasher. It was explained that the count is done at that time so that you do not get migrating birds, just local ones.

The birding club at the Encore RV park is having a soup supper fundraiser on January 16, 2024

There was some discussion about having a field trip on March 14th. Tom will speak to Raul Garza from Resaca de la Palma.

There was some discussion about having a joint meeting in March with the Garden Club as they have a speaker Chuck Malloy who will be talking about Palm trees.

Motion to adjourn by Ralph, 2nd Miles Motion passed

Respectfully submitted: Judy Stone