**February 3, 2021 KTOS meeting Minutes**

The zoom meeting was opened by club president, Morton Massey, with 32 members joining the meeting.

**Old Business:**

Collier Preserve – Parking lot isn’t in yet. Trees were planted, but we’re not quite ready to plant the shrubbery yet.

**Financial Report:**

It’s time for membership renewal.

KTOS acct - $17,707.09

JD Owen Fund - $8015.08 ($500 reserved for Collier Preserve)

Marcia Davis Fund - $2,471.29 ($500 reserved for Collier Preserve)

Total - $28,193.46

**New Business:**

Harumi noticed that at Kyker Bottoms, the Purple Martin gourds have been taken down at the private property across the street of the west side entrance. The gourds have housed lots of birds in the past. She suggested we purchase new gourds and install them. Tom Howe will contact the old owner to see if we can get the old gourds in case they are still usable. **Motion: Morton moved that we approve up to $500.00 for purchase of new gourds.** The motion was seconded and will be discussed and voted on at the meeting next month.

KTOS name change: We are still contemplating a name change for our club. KTOS sounds stuffy and off-putting. We can informally use a more casual name such as Knoxville Bird Club.

**Announcements:**

* University of Tennessee Bird club is alive and well. Dawson Rader noted that there are ~50 students in their chat group, and Ashley Epstein has 30 students in the email list. Brittany Paris, who started the group, is now their graduate advisor. They have built and installed some bird houses in an E Knoxville park.
* Backyard Bird Count week starts Saturday.
* $180.00 has been donated to purchase bird seed at Seven Islands.

**Bird Sightings:**

* Two Black Scoters were seen at Concord bridge last night
* Tom Howe reported that Valerie Wininger had a Common Redpoll in her yard in Blount Co.

**Program:**

Stephanie Mueller, ranger at Seven Islands, gave a program on Bird Banding. We band to learn more about birds, their life expectancies, population size, health of birds.

Laura Tappan

Secretary