

Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS)
Annual Membership Meeting
October 7, 2023
Ft. Hays State University

The Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held October 7, 2023. The meeting was held in Albertson Hall of Ft. Hays State University, Hays, Kansas. KOS President Jenn Rader called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The 2022 Annual Meeting minutes had been previously printed in the Horned Lark newsletter. Max Thompson moved to approve the minutes, Terry Mannell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer Max Thompson reported that the Society was solvent and reported on totals that were currently in the endowment and the checking account. (*Those totals are available upon request to any current member.*) Since several expense items had been approved, including support to Pete Janzen and Bob Gress for their rewrite of *Guide to Kansas Birds and Birding Hotspots*, and support to Emporia State University for installation and maintenance of a MOTUS monitoring tower, funds had to be taken out of the endowment. Jenn accepted the report

Jenn then read the slate of officers and board members for the 2023-2024 year:

President – Kurtis Meier
Vice President – Alice Boyle
Corresponding Secretary – Chuck Otte
Membership Secretary – Jeff Calhoun
Treasurer – Max Thompson
Business Manager – Malcolm Gold
Editor, *KOS Bulletin* – Eugene Young
Editor, *Horned Lark* – Chuck Otte
Director – Joseph Miller
Director – Mark Nolen

Several officers gave brief informational reports, none of which required any action from the membership.

President Rader recessed the meeting, to be reconvened at the end of the Presented Paper Session later in the afternoon.

President Jenn Rader reconvened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Following some additional informational reports from officers and committees, President Rader called for any further officer/board nominations from the floor. Seeing none, she ceased nominations. Mike Rader moved to accept the proposed slate and cast a unanimous ballot. Bob Gress seconded the motions and it passed unanimously.

Secretary Otte announced that the following locations had been selected for future meetings, the 2025 locations should be considered tentative at this time:

Spring 2024 – Manhattan, May 3 – 5
Fall 2024 – University of Kansas, Lawrence (KOS 75th Anniversary)

Spring 2025 – Red Hills area (Barber and surrounding counties)
Fall 2025 – Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg

Meeting host Medhavi Ambardar announced plans for the evening banquet and program as well as meeting location for the Sunday morning field trips and location for the compilation at noon.

With no further business to be discussed, **Chuck Otte moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike Rader seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.**

The Banquet was held on Saturday evening, October 7th in the Ft. Hays State University Student Union. Following the meal an excellent program was given by Dr. Megan Judkins, Aviary Director, Grey Snow Eagle House, Perkins, Oklahoma, on "A Full Circle Approach to Eagle Conservation and How We All Have a Part."

Chuck Otte
Corresponding Secretary