

**Members present:**

John Sutton (Outgoing-chair)  
Kent McFarland (Co-chair)  
George Clark  
Ken Cox (Incoming chair)  
Sue Elliott  
Spencer Hardy  
Craig Provost  
Allan Strong  
Ruth Stewart  
Sue Wetmore  
Chris Rimmer

10:05 Meeting called to order

**10:06 2017 Minutes**

2017.42 - Tabled from 2017, expert opinion says GWTE can't be ruled out. Not accepted.

First state records must be voted on in person.

Minutes accepted

**10:09 John hands over chair position to Ken**

**10:10 Record digitalization/preservation status update**

Process started, workflow delineated - we will need a very dedicated volunteer, a work group (4 people for a couple Saturdays), or an intern. We will set a doodle poll and try and set up a workday this winter (make it a potluck!).

**10:20 Subspecies**

Subspecies vs. field recognizable form vs. race makes this issue a bit more complicated, perhaps we need a subcommittee? The AOS 'god squad' is taking up subspecies again. A subcommittee will be formed: Allan, Spencer, Craig. We need to be consistent with our terminology. 11:30 addition - a paragraph defining terms is needed for the top of the list of subspecies needing RSDs.

**10:41 Potential new members**

Ron Payne  
Ali Wagner  
Taj is returning  
Jason Hill  
Zac Cota-Weaver  
Jim Mead  
Sara Eisenhower

Should we focus on young birders?

Motion to re-invite Taj and invite Zac - John will reach out

RSD part of the committee work has gotten a lot easier, PR skills might be valuable

**10:55 Status of Master list**

Kent has added a few things and is cleaning it up and will make the list available to the committee behind a password. Still has half of last year to do. Everyone likes the online annotated list.

**11:05 Checklist subcommittee**

Ted. There is work to do integrating the checklist with ebird. Kent and Spencer will slowly build code to generate dates (by next meeting).

**11:17 Committee Procedure**

Typos fixed. Who writes annual report? Kent? Chair? We will leave it vague.

**11:32 RSDs**

Total of 46, plus 4 additional recent submissions, which will be evaluated at the end.  
19 accepted via online voting, 2 rejected by all  
9 submitted after voting but in time to get  
25 for discussion today

In general, we should encourage more text on the online form, even RSDs with photos.

2018.23 Barn Owl, accepted online, but both county and town are wrong - should be Cambridge in Lamoille County.

**11:41 Working Lunch**

2018.10 Thayer's Gull. Not accepted, though could be reconsidered with input from a gull expert.

2018.39 Bobwhite. Species ID certain, but we can't be sure it wasn't calling from a cage. Not accepted.

2018.36a + b [Green wing Teal intergrade](#) These should be separate records

2018.45 [Trumper Swan](#) Supplemental image here:

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S49549120>. John will ask for this observation to be submitted as a separate form.

2018.42 Combine with 2018.50 as .42a and 42b. Marbled Godwit – same bird.

**2:00 Loose ends**

King Eider > 10 records, but will remain on list

Barn Owl - getting close but mostly old. Will stay on list

Prothonotary Warbler - at ten, will remove from list

Black Vulture - Plus

**2:12 Other business**

1985 Tundra Swan - vote to accept/correct old error

1994 Cinnamon Teal - <https://ebird.org/vt/view/checklist/S33915747>, will contact duck expert and/or ask for a RSD  
May Snowy Owls - switch from 3D to 4Ds

Meeting adjourned