

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
Williamsburg Bird Club
Room 113, Human Services Bldg.
5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA
Wednesday, January 14, 2010

Board Member Attendees: Fred Blystone, Shirley Devan, Alice Kopinitz, Jeanette Navia, Charles Rend

Chair Attendees: John Fennell, Jeanette Navia

Board Members Absent: Chuck Litterst, Joe Piotrowski, Bob Long

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Shirley welcomed the new members to the board: Alice Kopinitz and Jeanette Navia.

1. Secretary's Report: The minutes from October 19, 2009 Board Meeting were approved. The minutes for 2001 – 2005 are being sought.
2. Treasurer's Report: Chuck reported \$3857.87 on account and \$5207.46 in a CD for total assets of \$9065.33. Shirley made a motion to keep four donation items as noted in the report. Chuck seconded. Motion passed. Shirley noted that this \$600 in addition to the research grants and scholarships brings our total of monetary outreach to \$3500, a very large portion of our approximate \$5000 income through December, 2009.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Programs: January speaker is Stephen Living presenting a program on the fifth year of the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail. February speaker is Mary Elfner presenting a program on Audubon Society's Important Bird Areas of Virginia. March, April, and May speakers will be graduate students from William & Mary.
 - b. Newsletter: Fred brought to the board's attention that the cost to print and send a newsletter to a member is \$13 – a large percentage of those paying dues of \$15.
 - c. Field Trips: Position Open
 - d. Membership: Jeanette reported 2 new members. Chuck reported on a tracking study of the source of new members' applications. Surprisingly, about 2/3 of new applications came through the website. Kudos to Jeanette on keeping our website up to date.
 - e. Records: Bill Williams will have a full report of the Christmas bird count for the February newsletter.
 - f. Refreshments: Barb Streb will continue. At the January meeting, she will be asking people to sign up to help.
 - g. Library: Lee Schuster will continue as liaison for books and media.
 - h. Historian: Position Open The board should think about what should be saved. Jeanette is looking at hard drive and off site storage.

- i. Adopt-A-Highway: John Fennell will circulate a signup sheet at the January 20 meeting and announce the date.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Nature Camp Scholarship:
Chuck reported that the deadline for applications is January 15. He will send copies to the evaluators to rank.
5. New Business:

Community Outreach Opportunities:

 - i. February 20 – Outdoor Expo at James City County Community Center 9am – 1pm, 35 vendors, 500 visitors. \$50 for booth. Mary Anne and Jeanette volunteered. We will have some packets of birdseed to hand out.
 - ii. March 28-Cabin Fever at NQP. Volunteers needed.
 - iii. Virginia Society of Ornithology (VSO) is seeking ways to connect with bird clubs and Audubon Chapters throughout Virginia. Part of this effort is media directed as in a Facebook page. Currently, VSO maintains the ebird site for the state of Virginia. They also offer grants and field trips.
 - iv. Purchases of Bird Club accessories. Hats received a positive response from the board. Shirley will order 50 hats similar to those ordered in 2007 for the 30 Birdy Year Celebration. A 2011 calendar featuring pictures by members was suggested. Copyright and permission needs have to be addressed.

The meeting was adjourned by the president, Shirley Devan.

Respectfully Submitted
Alice Kopinitz, Secretary
Williamsburg Bird Club

REVIEWED AND APPROVED 1/17/10