

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board**  
**Williamsburg Bird Club**  
**Conference Room, Human Services Building**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 7 pm**

Board member attendees: Fred Blystone, Joe Piotrowski, Shirley Devan, Bob Long, Charles Litterst, Charles Rend

Committee Chair attendees: Jeanette Navia, Membership

Board members absent: Joanne Andrews, Mary Anne Fennell

1. Secretary's Report – Board reviewed and approved minutes of April 22, 2009 Board meeting with minor corrections to name of James City County Library and spelling of Williamsburg on page 2, line 5.
2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charles Rend advised the Board that the total assets were \$9202.00 with cash and two Certificates of Deposit. The Club no longer has any accounts with T. Rowe Price.
3. Committee Reports

Programs -- Joe Piotrowski, VP. Upcoming Programs per Joe are listed below. Joe had details about Alex Wilke's program on September 16, which had just arrived from Alex via email. He will forward the info to Fred, Jeanette, and Shirley for announcement, web site, and email to VA List Serve.

September 16	Alexandra Wilke	The Nature Conservancy
October 21	Allyson Jackson	Grad Student & her bluebird research
November 18	Teta Kain	VA Christmas Bird Counts
January 20	Sergio Harding	VaDGIF – Non-game bird conservation biologist

Joe will continue to schedule speakers for Spring 2010. He will contact Graduate Student Scholarship Recipients Andrew McGann, Marie Pitts, and Leah Wilson to schedule presentations in 2010. Shirley gave Joe the user ID and password to access the College's computer in the Millington Hall meeting room.

Newsletter -- Fred Blystone, VP, reported that the US Postal Service has new regulations concerning the tabbing of folded newsletter mailings. Before the October newsletter, Fred will get the final resolution on the requirements for tabbing the newsletter. Fred reported that approximately 40% of members receive their monthly newsletter by email. He mails approximately 90 newsletters via the US Postal Service.

Field Trips -- Tom Armour, 2009 Chair was not present. As previously announced, the September field trip will be Saturday, September 12 to the Eastern Shore NWR and Kiptopeke State Park. Bill Williams will be the leader and the group will depart from the Colony Square Shopping Center at 7 am.

Shirley reported that she has had preliminary conversations with Patti Reum in Highland County to schedule an overnight weekend trip to Monterey, VA for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in

February – February 19 – 21. Shirley has advised Tom Armour of this tentative schedule. Details will be finalized in October/November time frame and announced when final.

Membership -- Jeanette Navia, 2009 Chair, reported 146 families on the membership list and distributed an updated copy of the membership listing.

Records and Bird Counts -- Bill Williams, 2009 Chair, was not present.

Refreshments -- Barb Streb, 2009 Chair, was not present. Shirley reported that Barb is still coordinating refreshments for monthly meetings despite being hobbled by ankle/heel injury.

Library Liaison -- Lee Schuster, 2009 Chair, was not present. The library has chosen and ordered the books purchased by the Bird Club. The list of books will appear in the next newsletter.

Historian -- Cynthia Long, 2009 Chair, has prepared a binder recording the events and publications of the Bird Club for 2008-2009. She brought this to the picnic at Ruth Beck's house September 6. Bob Long reported that the binders containing the records/archives of the Bird Club since 1977 are at his house and are available to anyone who wants to review/research them. Shirley thanked Cynthia and Bob for their diligence and hard work in collecting and organizing the Club's history, documents, archives, and records.

Adopt-a-Highway -- John Fennell, 2009 Chair, was not present.

#### Old Business

1. Alternate Room Location: meetings have been scheduled for Millington 150 (auditorium). Dan Cristol has provided W&M user ID and password for club access to W&M computer in the room. Also, Dan will have an experienced technician on hand for the September 16 meeting in auditorium. Shirley gave Joe the user ID and password to access the College's computer in the Millington Hall meeting room.
2. "How to ID Birds" – WALT (Williamsburg Area Learning Tree) will sponsor course starting October 1 and going for consecutive Thursday nights: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Time is 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Human Services Building in Multipurpose Room. Fee is \$50.00. Bill Williams will teach with assistance as needed from Susan Powell and Shirley Devan. Proceeds received from WALT and from sale of training materials will go to Bird Club and to CCB Mitchell Byrd Fund. WALT announcements and promotion materials will appear Sept 12 (in Gazette) plus other locations.

#### New Business

1. "Bird Sleuth" youth education program at New Quarter Park – cosponsored by WBC, NQP, and Master Naturalist chapter. Mike Millen is instructor. Dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in September, October, November, and December, 8 – 10 am. This program is for youth only. The regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Bird Walk will continue as before from 8 – 10 am for adults.
2. Item 2 discussed in executive session.
3. Shirley recommended that the Club keep the same schedule for accepting and reviewing Nature Camp Scholarships that the Club used last year: Deadline of January 15 for submission of applications. Winners decided by a committee before February 1 and notified as soon as possible after that. Club will send checks directly to Nature Camp in February.

4. Nominating Committee for slate of officers for 2010. Shirley advised the Board that Mary Anne Fennell does not want to serve as Secretary for 2010, so a nominating committee will be needed to nominate one or more persons for at least one position – Secretary.

Members of the Board present at the meeting agreed to be nominated for their same positions for 2010: Shirley Devan, President; Joe Piotrowski, VP Programs, Fred Blystone, VP Newsletter, Charles Rend, Treasurer, Charles Litterst, Member-at-Large.

Jeanette Navia is willing to continue as Membership Chair.

Shirley Devan will contact Joanne Andrews to see if she will serve another year as Member-at-Large.

A nominating committee is to be announced at the October 21 Club meeting. At the November 18 Club meeting, the nominating committee will present a slate of officers for election by those attending the November meeting.

Adjournment: 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Devan, acting secretary for the meeting  
Williamsburg Bird Club