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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
Williamsburg Bird Club
Room 113, Human Services Bldg.
5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA
Thursday, September 9, 2010

Board Member Attendees: Fred Blystone, Shirley Devan, Alice Kopinitz, Chuck Litterst, Jeanette Navia, Joe Piotrowski, Charles Rend

Chair Attendees: Jeanette Navia

Board Members Absent: Bob Long

Chair Attendees Absent: John Fennell

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

1. Secretary's Report: Corrected minutes from May 11, 2010 Board meeting were approved and are in the Secretary's Notebook.
2. Treasurer's Report: Comparison of September 1, 2010 to December 31, 2009 is attached.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Programs: Joe Piotrowski reported programs for upcoming meetings as follows:
 - i. September 15 – Susan and Mike Powell, Alice and Seig Kopinitz travels to Texas.
 - ii. October 20 – Bob Reilly presenting the Prothonotary Warbler Project
 - iii. November 17 – Sandy Spencer
 - b. Newsletter: Fred Blystone appreciates the timely submission of articles.
 - c. Field Trips: Susan Powell is out of town, but reported the following upcoming field trips:
 - i. September 18 – Kiptopeke led by Brian Taber
 - ii. October 16 – Chippokes State Park led by Hugh Beard
 - iii. November 20 – Little Creek Reservoir led by Lee Schuster
 - d. Membership: Jeanette Navia reported two new members for a total of 145 active members.
 - e. Records and Bird Counts: Bill Williams reported December 19 will be the Christmas Bird Count Day.
 - f. Refreshments: Barb Streb reports Molly Nealer and Sara Lewis will provide refreshments for the September meeting. Sign-ups are complete for 2010.
 - g. Library Liaison: Lee Schuster chairs this committee
 - h. Historian: Open

- i. Adopt-a-Highway: John Fennell will return to the area in October and will schedule a fall pick-up at a later date.
- j. Nature Camp Scholarships: Shirley Devan discussed under New Business.

Old Business

1. The Board agreed to present a certificate of recognition/appreciation to Carrot Tree, New Quarter Park, and Wild Birds Unlimited for their generous contributions to the efforts and mission of our club. Presentations have been made to Carrot Tree and New Quarter Park with resulting publicity in the local paper. Shirley wants to present to Wild Birds Unlimited when both George and Val are available for a picture. She will try to do this soon.
2. Consider adopting an Audubon Important Bird Area (IBA) – Western Shore Marshes IBA in cooperation with Hampton Roads Bird Club. To date, we have heard nothing from the Hampton Roads Bird Club. Shirley will bring this up at the next meeting to see if a member is interested in sponsoring this project.
3. Consider request from CDR (Child Development Resources) to provide nest box assembly and bird food for their yard. These items were provided and resulted in publicity in the local paper.
4. Bird Club photo calendar – this idea has been dropped.
5. Consider a “List serve” for Bird Club Board members to facilitate easier communication with Bird Club members. Thank you, Jeanette for preparing this. Fred uses the list serve to send post cards for field trips, bird walks, and meeting notices. It is a real time saver.

New Business

1. Nominating Committee for officers for 2011. The committee will be composed of Jeanette Navia, Joe Piotrowski, and Alex Minarik pending their acceptance to serve. The complete slate of officers will be voted on in November.
Officers to be elected:
 - a. Secretary
 - b. Member at Large
2. Consideration of donation to VSO for memorial to Peggy Opengari. VSO is requesting that ALL bird clubs in VA contribute (amount is not important) to this matching fund. If the VSO raises \$5000, then an organization, American Bird Conservancy will match with \$5,000. After a brief discussion, Joe Piotrowski moved and Jeanette Navia seconded to donate \$200 to VSO for a memorial to Peggy Opengari. Additional information is attached.
3. Consideration of donation of \$61 to Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory for supplies for Prothonotary Warbler Project in VA. Bob Reilly plans to install 60 additional nest boxes at Northwest River location in Chesapeake, VA. After some discussion, Jeanette Navia moved and Joe Piotrowski seconded a donation of \$61 to Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory. Additional information is attached.

4. Nature Camp Scholarship – schedule for application process. Our club presents two scholarships for a total of \$1400. Applications are due by January 15 and a decision is made by February 1. Applications come to Chuck Rend who distributes the applications to the evaluators. We will follow the same procedures as last year. The evaluators will be named shortly.
5. Bird Club Merchandise – Shirley will have denim shirts samples at the next club meeting. These are available for ordering.
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by the president, Shirley Devan.

Respectfully Submitted
Alice Kopinitz, Secretary
Williamsburg Bird Club