

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
Williamsburg Bird Club
Conference Room, Human Services Bldg.
Tuesday, October 19, 2009**

Board Member Attendees: Fred Blystone, Shirley Devan, Mary Anne Fennell, Joe Piotrowski, Charles Rend

Chair Attendees: John Fennell, Jeanette Navia

Board Members Absent: Joanne Andrews, Chuck Litterst, Bob Long

1. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the September meeting were approved as presented.
2. Treasurer's Report: Chuck reported that we have \$4122 on account and \$5105 in a CD for total assets of \$9227.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Programs: Joe is currently working on finding programs for March, April, and May 2010.
 - b. Newsletter: Fred would like feedback from members as to desired content of the newsletter. Shirley will bring this matter up to members at the next meeting.
 - c. Field Trips: Tom was absent but the Nov. field trip will be led by Hugh Beard to York River State Park.
 - d. Records and Bird Counts: Bill was absent but the Christmas Count will be Dec 20th.
 - e. Membership: Jeanette reported that there are currently 150 members.
 - f. Refreshments: Barb Streb will continue as refreshment chairman. Her injury is improving.
 - g. Library: We will schedule a photo shoot to include Jeannette, Lee, and various others as well as several books donated by the WBC. This photo will be published in the newsletter.
 - h. Historian: no report
 - i. Adopt-A-Highway: John said that the road is currently in good condition. He will schedule a cleanup this winter.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Nature Camp Scholarship:
 - i. Chuck presented a revised form for science teachers to recommend a student for a nature camp scholarship. This form was entered into the record with modifications and Shirley will format it for posting on the web page.
 - ii. Mary Anne suggested that a line attesting to the validity of the student personally composing the essay be inserted immediately under the student's signature line and it was decided to require that all essays be hand written.

- b. "How to ID Birds" the bird ID class given by WALT Cont. Ed only has 5 attendees. We will offer the class at least once more.
 - c. "Bird Sleuth" youth education program at NQ Park has scant participation. One school group from York County participated. It was suggested that we consider a 1 day program instead.
 - d. Schedule for Nature Camp Scholarships: deadline of January 15 for submission of applications, winners decided by review committee before February 1st and notified as soon as possible after that. Checks will be sent directly to the Nature Camp in February. The evaluation committee will be the same as last year: Mary Anne, Jeanette, Alex and Lee.
 - e. Highland County weekend field trip will be Feb, 2010.
5. New Business:
- a. Nominating Committee: The committee to nominate a new secretary and a member-at-large will consist of Jeanette Navia, Alex Minarik, and David Lee. Their nominations will be in the Nov. newsletter.
 - b. The board passed by acclamation a resolution to support the Carrot Tree Restaurant with a check of \$100 for food provided to the club during the tallying of the 2009 Christmas Bird Count. Chuck will send a check to Carrot Tree after Dec. 15th.

The meeting was adjourned by the president, Shirley Devan.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Anne Fennell, Secretary
Williamsburg Bird Club