

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
Williamsburg Bird Club
Room 113, Human Services Bldg.
5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA
Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Board Member Attendees: Fred Blystone, Jennifer Boag, Ann Carpenter, Shirley Devan, Jeanette Navia, Geoff Giles

Chair Attendees: Jeanette Navia

Board Members Absent: John Fennell, Bob Long, Joe Piotrowski, Lee Schuster, Barb Streb, Bill Williams

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Guests: None

President Shirley Devan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report – Jennifer Boag

The Minutes from the February 8, 2011 board meeting were approved.

President's Report-Shirley Devan

- Shirley led a discussion about whether or not the Club should co-adopt the Western Shore Marshes IBA with the Hampton Roads Bird Club. Board approved the co-adoption.
- Shirley circulated a framed "Certificate of Appreciation" for Chuck Rend in recognition of his 17 years of service to the Club. Board members discussed gift ideas for him.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Carpenter

- Ann shared the new spreadsheet she created to capture the club's income and expenses.
- Jeanette showed the group copies of every document included in the new member packet and asked to be reimbursed for printing and postage expenses.
- Discussion centered on tasks formerly handled by Chuck. Jeanette has begun checking our post office box.
- Fred will continue reminding members about renewing their dues.
- Shirley will continue sending a thank you note to members when they renew.
- Jeanette will send the names of members who have paid their dues to Shirley, Ann, and Fred.
- The decision was made to get a debit card for Jeanette's use so she will not have to

wait to be reimbursed for her expenses.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter – Fred Blystone, VP
 - Board members discussed whether or not to increase dues or decrease expenses.
 - Fred suggested we stop sending complimentary printed newsletter issues to Camp Peary and York River State Park; other board members concurred.
 - The decision was made to leave the club's dues structure as it is and find ways to reduce club expenses.

- Programs – Shirley Devan, President (in place of Joe Piotrowski)
 - Shirley has a list of speakers from the VSO meeting she will pass to Joe to use as a resource for planning programs for next year.
 - Dan Cristol will reserve meeting space in Millington Hall for next year. He will also give our meeting dates to Parking Services. He has the meeting dates for next fall and spring.

- Field Trips – Geoff Giles
 - August 27, 2011 – Craney Island. Leader is Ruth Beck.
 - September 17, 2011 – Kiptopeke. Leader may be Brian Tabor or Susan Powell. We may spend an entire day there in order to see both songbirds and hawks.
 - October 15, 2011 – Shirley Plantation?
 - November 19, 2011 – Hog Island?
 - December 17, 2011 – York River State Park.
 - January 21, 2012 – Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Boat Trip.
 - February 18, 2012 – Dutch Gap (Henrico Historic Site).

Other ideas: Fred suggested we coordinate a trip to Curles Neck Farm with the Richmond Audubon Society. Other ideas were a trip to Newport News Park led by Jane Frigo, a trip to Beaverdam, and a trip to Bethel Beach in the Western Shore Marshes IBA.

- Membership – Jeanette Navia
 - The club has one new member, Gary Friedhaber.

Shirley made the following reports on behalf of absent board members:

- Records and Bird Counts – Bill Williams is sending Fred information on the Spring Bird Count.
- Refreshments – Barb Streb will organize for next fall.
- Library Liaison – Cela Schmidt, Library Acquisitions Supervisor, is sending Lee Schuster a list of bird-related books purchased by the Library.
- Adopt-a-Highway – Shirley reported that John will be organizing an event in the fall.
- Historian – open

Old Business

- Nature Camp Scholarships: Emily Council was only able to attend the first week of Nature Camp because she was selected to attend a Governor's School session that conflicted with the second week of Camp. Accordingly, we offered the other half of our scholarship (\$350) to Will Hougland.

New Business