

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
Williamsburg Bird Club
Room 113, Human Services Building
5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA
Monday, September 19, 2011

Board Member Attendees: Shirley Devan, Joe Piotrowski, Fred Blystone, Jennifer Boag, Jeanette Navia

Chair Attendees: Geoff Giles and Jeanette Navia

Board Members Absent: Ann Carpenter and Bob Long

Chair Attendees Absent: Bill Williams, Lee Schuster, Barb Streb, and John Fennell

Guests: None

President Shirley Devan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report – Jennifer Boag

The Minutes of the May 25, 2011 board meeting were approved.

President's Report – Shirley Devan

Shirley discussed the club's adoption of the Western Shore Marshes IBA. She announced that the club will be doing a survey and cleanup at several sites in Matthews County in conjunction with the Hampton Roads Bird Club on November 5, 2011. It is likely that we will go to Bethel Beach and New Point Comfort.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Carpenter

- Ann was on vacation and did not attend the meeting.
- Ann and Jeanette still need to arrange for a debit card for Jeanette.

Committee Reports

A. Newsletter – Fred Blystone

Fred announced that he e-mailed the last newsletter to everyone because he was afraid Hurricane Irene would delay getting the newsletters printed.

B. Programs – Joe Piotrowski

Joe announced the following programs for 2011-2012:

- 9/21/11 Shirley Devan & Ruth Beck: “Western Shore Marshes IBA”
- 10/19/11 Bob Ake: “My Big Year”
- 11/16/11 Bill Leaning: “Birds of New Zealand”
- 1/18/12 John Spahr: “Owls: Birds of Mystery and Majesty”
- 2/15/12 TBD
- 3/21/12 Mark Adams re: TBD
- 4/18/12 Randy Thrasher re: TBD
- 5/16/12 W&M graduate students re: current research projects

C. Field Trips – Geoff Giles

Geoff announced the following programs for 2011-2012:

- TBD: **Kiptopeke** led by Susan Powell (rescheduling due to bad Weather on 9/17/11).
- 10/15/11 **Shirley Plantation** led by Tom McCary. \$5 admission per person; additional \$12 if you want to tour the house.
- 11/19 or 11/20/11 **Hog Island** led by TBD. May be on Sunday if hunting prohibits our going on Saturday.
- 12/17/11 **York River State Park** led by TBD.
- 1/21/12 **Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel** boat trip led by TBD (may be Bill Williams, Brian Taber, or Arun Bose). Will coordinate with the Hampton Roads Bird Club. Cost will be @\$25 per person.
- 2/18/12 **Dutch Gap County Park** (near Henricus Historic settlement) led by TBD.
- 3/17/12 **Western Shore Marshes IBA** led by TBD. Will coordinate with the Hampton Roads Bird Club.

D. Membership/Webmaster – Jeanette Navia

Jeanette announced that we currently have 144 household memberships including three complimentary ones. Bill Williams, Brian Taber, Ruth Beck, Tom Armour, and Fred Blystone are Lifetime Members in recognition of their extraordinary service to the Club. We currently have one member who has renewed and no new members.

E. Records and Bird Counts – Bill Williams

Since Bill was not present, Shirley announced the following dates for upcoming bird counts:

12/17/11: Hampton Roads Bird Count (tentative)

12/18/11: Christmas Bird Count

F. Refreshments – Barb Streb

No report.

G. Library Liaison – Lee Schuster

No report.

H. Adopt-a-Highway – John Fennell

Since John was not present, Shirley mentioned that the Club maintains a section of Croaker Road and cleans it up twice a year.

I. Historian – Open position

No report.

Old Business

Shirley announced that the Club received thank you notes from some of the students who received Nature Camp Scholarships.

New Business

- A Nominating Committee composed of Joe, Jeanette, and Jennifer was formed to identify candidates to fill officer positions for 2012. It was noted that all board positions are for one-year only.
 - All current board and chair members present indicated that they would be interested in serving next year.
 - The Member-At-Large position, previously held by Ann Carpenter, is open.
 - Shirley will announce the open position at the club meeting later this week and it will be mentioned in the October newsletter.
 - We will present a slate of officers at the November club meeting.

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- The Nature Camp Scholarship application process was discussed.
 - We need to coordinate our deadline with the Native Plant Society. It will be either 12/31/11 or 1/15/12.
 - Applications will come to our Post Office box. Jeanette will pick them up, but will not open them. She will pass them to Shirley to make them anonymous.
 - Shirley will set up a committee to review the applications.
 - The 2012 Camp fee has not been determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.