

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board

Williamsburg Bird Club
Room 113, Human Services Building
5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA
Monday, August 13, 2012

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

Chair Attendees, Jeanette Navia, Barb Streb, Bill Williams

Board Members Absent: Bob Long, Joe Piotrowski

Chair Attendees Absent: John Fennell, Lee Schuster

Guests: None

President Shirley Devan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report – Jennifer Boag

- The Minutes of the June 11 board meeting were approved.

President's Report – Shirley Devan

- Preparations for September 19 Club meeting (35th birthday of the WBC)
 - Barb Streb will order a large sheet cake
 - Bill Williams will do a program on the history of the club
 - Brian Taber will discuss the 50th anniversary of the Kiptopeke songbird banding station
- Publication of Bill Williams's book, Birds of Virginia's Colonial Historic Triangle
 - The last time there was a book like this was in 1998
 - Book is currently being formatted by Louise Menges
 - Book will be 140-150 pages
 - Bill requested a sponsorship from the WBC of \$3,000 to print ~200 copies. He will cover any overage personally. Our logo would appear in a prominent position on the book. Will cost about \$17 each to print. Suggested retail price for the book is \$20.
 - Bill has asked Marion Watts to do some drawings; he is hoping to include some bird photographs that were taken locally. Louise will do a cover design.
 - Fred suggested we seek sponsorship for the book from WBC members; this was done in 1998.
 - Bill would like to have the book printed by the end of 2012.
 - Board members discussed the feasibility of the Club sponsoring the publication of Bill's book and/or finding other sponsors.

- Pros: might raise extra \$ for things like our Nature Camp Scholarship
- Cons: WBC having to front \$3,000; finding other sponsors will delay the publication of the book.
- Board members decided to sponsor the publication of the book for \$3,000.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Carpenter

- Ann reported the club's income so far for 2012 as \$8012.04 versus expenditures to date of \$6393.61 for a net balance of \$1,618.43
- Total assets: \$9217 including checking account and certificates of deposit.

Committee Reports

- **Newsletter – Fred Blystone**
 - Fred proposed that his position not be a voting member of the board so that we could have a vice president's position which did not have specific duties like the newsletter or programs and could attract someone new onto the board.

- **Programs – Joe Piotrowski**

2012

September 19	Bill Williams on the Club's 35 th Anniversary; Brian Taber on the 50 th Anniversary of the Kiptopeke Songbird Banding Station
October 17	TBD
November 14	Seig and Alice Kopinitz on Antarctica

2013

January 16	Andrew Dolby on "Winter Adaptations"
February 20	
March 20	
April 17	Graduate students
May 15	Linda and Robert Scarth on "Migration: Bird Images on Location"

- **Field Trips – Geoff Giles**

Tentative Schedule:

2012

September 15	Craney Island. Leader is Ruth Beck.
October 20	Kiptopeke
November 17	Shirley Plantation

December 16 Christmas Bird Count

2013

January 19	Boat Trip
February 16	Dutch Gap
March 16	New Kent Forestry Center
April 20	Dismal Swamp
May 4	James River Park, 42 nd Street Entrance

We are likely to schedule a couple trips to our IBA as well.

- **Membership/Webmaster – Jeanette Navia**
 - As of 6/17/12, the WBC had 164 members including Comp and Lifetime. There were 142 paid memberships.
- **Records and Bird Counts – Bill Williams**
- **Refreshments – Barb Streb**
- **Library Liaison – Lee Schuster**
 - Shirley circulated a list of books purchased by the WBC this year. The Library purchased 8 books and 1 DVD for \$146.
- **Adopt-a-Highway – John Fennell**
- **Historian – Open position**
 - No report.

Old Business

- The board agreed to offer the Ray Harm print of the Pileated Woodpecker as a Silent Auction item at the September meeting and to use the proceeds to support the publication of Bill's book. UPDATE: The final decision of the Board was to sell raffle tickets for a drawing to give away the print.

New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.