

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board  
Williamsburg Bird Club  
Monday, November 12, 2012 – 7:00 pm**

Williamsburg Library, Scotland Street, Williamsburg, VA • Room C

Board Member Attendees: Fred Blystone, Ann Carpenter, Shirley Devan, Geoff Giles, Jeanette Navia, Joe Piotrowski

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Boag

Chair Attendees: Jeanette Navia, Geoff Giles

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

Guests: None

President Shirley Devan convened the Board meeting at 7:00 pm. In the Secretary's absence, Shirley took notes and will prepare a draft of the minutes for the Board to review.

Secretary's Report – Minutes of August 13, 2012 Board Meeting were reviewed and changes and corrections made. Board approved the minutes as changed. Shirley Devan will make changes and circulate the approved minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Carpenter presented the report of the Assets, Income and Expenses for the Club through November 12, 2012. Checking account: \$1704. Certificates of Deposit: \$5403. Total: \$7106.

Nominating Committee: Slate of officers for 2013 was presented by Jeanette Navia on behalf of the Nominating Committee – Jeanette Navia, Geoff Giles and Shirley Devan. Jeanette will present the following slate to the Bird Club membership at the November 14 meeting.

President – Shirley Devan  
Vice President, Programs – Joe Piotrowski  
Vice President, The Flyer – Fred Blystone  
Treasurer – Ann Carpenter  
Secretary – Cathy Millar  
Member at Large – Jeanette Navia  
Member at Large – Geoff Giles

President's Report – Shirley Devan – deferred until "New Business"

## Committee Reports

- Newsletter – Fred Blystone complimented Geoff Giles on his write-ups of field trips and asked if Jeanette could include a PDF of the write up along with photos on the web site. Jeanette will work on setting that up.

Fred also suggested that the Club reduce the number of newsletters per year to 10 from the current 11 issues. The August issue of the newsletter is primarily used to promote the Craney Island Field Trip in August. Instead of a newsletter, the Club will announce the Craney Island trip to members via email and postcards mailed via US Postal Service to those members who do not have email. The Board voted to approve 10 newsletters per year with a “Summer” issue for June, July, and August.

- Programs – Joe Piotrowski presented the schedule of speakers for January – May 2013:
  - January 19: Andrew Dolby, VSO President, on Winter Adaptations of Birds
  - February 20: Joe Piotrowski on Birding in Dominican Republic
  - March 20: TBD. Several suggestions were made for March programs. Joe will pursue.
  - April 17: W&M Grad Students
  - May 15: Linda & Robert Scarth “Migration: Bird Images on Location” which is a sampler of birds from North America, Africa and South America and a few from Australia.
- Field Trips – Geoff Giles presented the schedule for first half of 2013:
  - January 19: Boat trip on Chesapeake Bay
  - February 16: Dutch Gap
  - March 16: New Kent Forestry Center “Walk in the Woods”
  - April 20: Dismal Swamp
  - May 4: early May trip to a warbler hot spot
  - May 18: regular third Saturday trip to a local birding hot spot, perhaps York River State Park
- Membership – Jeanette Navia reported that the current membership is 168 household addresses including five lifetime members.

- Adopt-a-Highway – John Fennell was not at the meeting but reported via email that Oct. 27 Deb Woodward, Shannon Fennell and Quincy Goldsmith assisted me in collecting nine sacks of trash on Croaker Road. Next pickup will be in the spring.
- Records and Bird Counts – Bill Williams was not present. The Bird Club's Christmas Bird Count will be December 16.
- Refreshments – Barb Streb was not present.
- Library Liaison – Lee Schuster was not present
- Historian – open

New Business: Nature Camp funding for 2013. Shirley Devan inquired as to the ability of the Club to financially support two Nature Camp Scholarships for 2013. The Treasurer assured the Board that funding would be sufficient in early 2013 to pay for two scholarships.

- Ann and Gary Carpenter will be out of town and will not be able to be evaluators.
- Jeanette Navia and Geoff Giles agreed to evaluate applications.
- Shirley will ask Alex Minarik and Lee Schuster to review applications again in 2013.
- Applications must be mailed by January 18, 2013 and the Club will make its decision by February 1, 2013.
- The application is the same as last year.

Shirley Devan adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.