

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board  
Williamsburg Bird Club  
Monday, January 14, 2013**

Conference Room, Human Services Building, 5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg

Board Member Attendees: Fred Blystone, Ann Carpenter, Shirley Devan, Geoff Giles, Cathy Millar, Jennifer Boag (departing secretary), Jeanette Navia, Joe Piotrowski,

Board Members Absent: None

Chair Attendees: Jeanette Navia, Geoff Giles

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

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Shirley Devan. She welcomed new board member Cathy Millar. Shirley expressed surprise and appreciation for Ann Carpenter's attendance despite a very recent hip fracture!

Secretary's Report – Minutes of November 12, 2012 Board Meeting

The minutes were approved. Jennifer Boag passed the collection of notebooks containing the minutes of the Williamsburg Bird Club meeting to Cathy Millar.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Carpenter

Ann entered into record the 2012 financial report as follows:

- Assets: \$4,717
- CDs: \$5,407
  - Total: \$10,124
  
- Income: \$11,211
- Expenses: \$10,810
- Balance: \$401

Ann also submitted a comparison chart of assets, income and expenses for 2011 and 2012.

Ann reported on the sale of Bill William's *The Birds of Virginia's Colonial Historic Triangle*. Sales to date: \$2,380. Cost: \$3,334.80. Balance unpaid: \$954.80.

Jeanette and Ann noted that donations to Nature Camp and Research Grant Funds are down so far.

President's Report – Shirley Devan

- Nature Camp application status:

Four complete student applications with teacher recommendations and three incomplete ones have been received. The deadline is Jan 18.

Lee Schuster, Jeanette Navia, Alex Minarik, Geoff Giles and Mary Ann Fennel have agreed to review applications.

- Wilson Ornithological Society Meeting at W&M, March 7 – 10.  
Shirley reported a conversation with Dr. Dan Cristol who is manager of the conference. She had asked how volunteers from our bird club could be of help. Dan was unsure. Dan will speak at the upcoming bird club membership meeting about the conference and why locals should consider attending.  
This 125<sup>th</sup> annual conference had been held before in Williamsburg in 1969 and 1995.  
To be determined how club volunteers and local birders can be of help.  
Possibility of special rate for club members to be determined.
- Club's Donations for 2013.  
Donations to the Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory will be \$50 less this year as the club is not advertising in their journal. Otherwise donations remain the same as for 2012. Modification to the donations as listed below was moved, seconded and passed.
  - Williamsburg Regional Library: \$150
  - Williamsburg Land Conservancy: \$150
  - Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory: \$200
  - Center for Conservation Biology: \$100
  - Total: \$600

### Committee Reports

- Newsletter – Fred Blystone reported that 5 more members have switched to the electronic version. The distribution of the newsletter via mail and electronic version is now split nearly 50/50.  
There will be 10 newsletters in 2013 (one less than in 2012). June, July and August will be covered by one newsletter.  
Shirley complimented Fred on the quality of the newsletter.
- Programs – Joe Piotrowski reviewed the schedule of speakers for January –May 2013:
  - January 16: Dr. Andrew Dolby, VSO President on “Winter Adaptation of Birds”.
  - February 20: Bob Schamerhorn, “The Wet and Wild II” bird bath program
  - March 20: Joe Piotrowski on Birding in Dominican Republic.
  - April 17: W&M Grad Students.

- May 15: Linda & Robert Scarth, “Migration: Bird Images on Location”, a sampler of birds from N.A., S.A., Africa and a few from Australia.
- Field Trips – Geoff Giles reported on the schedule for first half of 2012:
  - January 19: Boat trip on Chesapeake Bay is already fully booked with a wait list of 9 people. A tip of \$100 from the club for the boat crew was approved and to be supplemented on the day by passing the hat.  
Due to popularity of the boat trip, the scheduling of a second one is a possibility.
  - February 16: Dutch Gap. Noted that all the ducks are already there except for pintails.
  - March 23: New Kent Forestry Center “Walk in the Woods”.
  - April 20: Dismal Swamp
  - May ? : Date of trip to a warbler hot spot to be determined so that it doesn’t conflict with Spring Bird Count.
  - May 18: Regular third Saturday trip to a local birding spot to be determined. York River State Park and Hog Island under consideration.
- Membership – Jeanette Navia reported that there is a good return of renewals but did not have the exact figures.
- Adopt-a-Highway – John Fennell was not present.
- Records and Bird Counts – Bill Williams was not present. Shirley commented that the Christmas Bird Count was successful.
- Refreshments – Barb Streb was not present. She will circulate a sign-up sheet for providing refreshments at the upcoming meeting.
- Library Liaison – Lee Schuster was not present. Jeanette noted that there at least 2-3 ‘bird’ books in the library’s ebook collection.
- Historian – open

New Business: None

Shirley Devan adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.