

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Williamsburg Bird Club
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Room 117 Millington Hall

1. The meeting was opened by President Shirley Devan. There were 57 members and guests present.
2. New Business:
 - a. Departing Board Members: Shirley thanked departing board members, Sara Lewis and Alex Minarik for their service.
 - b. Guests or members who were attending the club meeting for the first time were asked to identify themselves. Guests Fritz Klausner and Claire and Bruce Hill were introduced. New member, Al Brassel, was introduced.
 - c. Current officers and chair persons were introduced.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Grad student, Andrew McGann, announced his project on the Rusty Blackbirds and asked for the club's assistance in locating flocks of these birds. Members can participate in the "1st Annual Winter Hotspot Rusty BB Blitz", Feb. 7-15, by logging onto the web [google: Rusty Blackbird] or calling him at 717-891-8145. Enter sightings into E-Bird.
 - b. Dues for 2009 are due and payable to Chuck Rend.
 - c. There are 18 applications for the two "Bill Williams Scholarships" for Nature Camp.
 - d. John Fennell passed a signup sheet for those who wish to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Jan. 31st.
 - e. Barb Streb passed a sheet around for volunteers to bring goodies to monthly meetings.
4. Shirley asked for unusual bird sightings. Several members reported Pine Siskins
5. Program: Joe Piotrowski introduced the speakers, Mike and Susan Powell, who gave a great presentation on their trip to the Galapagos in the summer of 2008.
6. Other: A free raffle was conducted for 2 VA Wildlife Calendars.

The meeting was adjourned by the president and refreshments, provided by Barb Streb, were served.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Fennell
Secretary, Williamsburg Bird Club
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