

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Williamsburg Bird Club
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Room 117 Millington Hall

1. The meeting was opened by President Shirley Devan. There were 41 members and guests present.
2. New Business:
 - a. Guests or members who were attending the club meeting for the first time were asked to identify themselves. Guest Alex Andrews, husband of board member, Joanne Andrews, was introduced. New member, Nina Snead, was introduced.
 - b. Great Backyard Bird Count: As of Feb.18, Williamsburg was third in the state in number of participants, with 147 check lists turned in listing 93 species.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Dues for 2009 are due and payable to Chuck Rend.
 - b. The two "Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships" were awarded to Chandler Fox and Emily Simpser.
 - c. Barb Streb asked for additional volunteers to bring goodies to monthly meetings.
4. Shirley asked for unusual bird sightings. A pair of Wood Ducks flew into Alex Minarik's yard. Also the webcam on the nesting Bald Eagle was mentioned.
5. Sara Lewis and Angela Cingale announced that the 1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Award from the Virginia Co-op Extension Service for "Armed and Dangerous-Destroying VA's Invasive Species with Volunteers" was awarded to Helen Hamilton. She was presented with her prize of a book.
6. Program: Joe Piotrowski introduced the speaker, Helen Hamilton, who gave an informative and humorous presentation on her trip to Iceland in the summer of 2008.
7. Other: A free raffle was conducted for a tumbler and 2 VA Wildlife Calendars.

The meeting was adjourned by the president and refreshments, provided by Barb Streb, Lillian and Don Woolfolk, and Betty Peterson were served.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Fennell
Secretary, Williamsburg Bird Club
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