

Minutes
Williamsburg Bird Club Meeting
October 20, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. Room 101, Andrews Hall, W&M

[NOTE: Meeting was held in Room 101 of Andrews Hall because Millington 150 had been closed because of vandalism on Monday, October 18. Dan Cristol was instrumental in arranging alternate meeting site of Andrews Hall Lecture Hall (Room 101)]

President Shirley Devan welcomed members and guests.

Forty-four members attended.

Shirley introduced Elena Sanders, one of the recipients of the Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships in 2010. Elena thanked the Club for her scholarship and indicated that she would apply again in 2011.

Shirley made the following announcements:

1. Refreshments tonight provided by Jan Lockwood and Barb Streb.
2. Shirley called on John Fennell to address the group about the scheduled roadside litter pickup scheduled for November 6. John passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sign up.
3. Nature Camp Scholarship Applications for 2011 will be available on our web site soon. Look for more information in the November newsletter.
4. We have Bird Club hats available tonight for a donation of \$20 to the Bird Club. They will be available while we're having refreshments after the meeting. You can also order blue denim shirts with bird club logo and even your name if you wish.
5. Remember to submit notes to Fred Blystone for the newsletter. You can call him, or send a note in the mail, or send an email. His contact info is in the newsletter. He's waiting to hear from you! The October newsletter was outstanding.
6. Upcoming events. Shirley announced the upcoming Bird Walk at New Quarter Park, Saturday, Oct 23, 2010 at 7 am. Bill Williams will be the leader.
7. Cynthia Long reported on the status of the Bobwhite Habitat at New Quarter Park. She advised that York County had sprayed twice to get rid of the fescue. Volunteers are still planning and working on the site.

Joe Piotrowski introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Bob Reilly, Vice President and Master Bander for the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory and Professor in the Center for Environmental Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Reilly presented a slide program about the "Prothonotary Warbler Project in Virginia" in which he described the four sites where he and his grad students and volunteers are monitoring nest boxes for Prothonotary Warblers. He related some of his research findings about nest site fidelity, mate fidelity, and breeding success. Bob took several questions from the group.

After the speaker's presentation, Shirley conducted raffle of two prizes:

- Box of note cards with bird theme won by George Boyles
- Plush stuffed "Red-headed Woodpecker" won by Geoff Giles

The group then adjourned to the lobby for refreshments.



Minutes prepared by Shirley Devan (Secretary Alice Kopinitz was out of town.)
October 22, 2010