

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Williamsburg Bird Club**
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Room 101, Andrews Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: 63

President's Remarks:

- President Shirley Devan opened the meeting. She welcomed club members and asked new members and guests to identify themselves.
- Shirley reminded everyone that they needed a Parking Permit for their car.
- Shirley mentioned that refreshments after the meeting would be provided by Barb Streb and Mary Anne Fennell.

Other Business:

- Jennifer Boag introduced the slate of nominees for the board for 2012 and members at the meeting elected the slate as presented:

President: Shirley Devan
Vice President-Programs: Joe Piotrowski
Vice President-The Flyer: Fred Blystone
Treasurer: Ann Carpenter
Secretary: Jennifer Boag
Member-at-Large: Jeanette Navia
Member-at-Large: Geoff Giles

- Shirley told the group about Project Feeder Watch which started this week and ends in April. Details are available on the Cornell website.

Upcoming Events:

Geoff Giles told the group about the following upcoming field trips and bird walks:

- 11/20/11 Field trip to **Hog Island** led by Brian Taber. Trip will be Sunday because hunting prohibits going on Saturday.
- 11/26/11 **Bird Walk at New Quarter Park** led by Bill Williams.
- 12/10/11 **Bird Walk at New Quarter Park** led by TBD.
- 12/18/11 **Christmas Bird Count.** Post-county tally will be held afterwards at the Carrot Tree.

- 1/21/12 **Chesapeake Bay Boat Trip** out of Lynnhaven Inlet, Virginia Beach. Leader is TBD. Trip will be coordinated with the Hampton Roads Bird Club and the Richmond Audubon Club. An invitation will also go out to Virginia birders via the Virginia E-Bird list serve. Cost will be \$25 per person. Bad weather date will be 1/28/12.
- 2/8/12 **Dutch Gap County Park** (near Henricus Historic settlement) led by TBD.
- 3/17/12 **A Western Shore Marshes IBA** led by TBD. Will coordinate with the Hampton Roads Bird Club.

Program:

Stephen Living, Wildlife Biologist, and Doreen Richmond, IT Analyst, from the VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries, described the new fee structure for Wildlife Management Areas, effective January 1, 2012. There will be a \$4 daily fee or a \$23 annual fee. The permit will not be needed if you have a fishing, hunting, or boating license. Examples of areas where the fee will be required are Hog Island, Ragged Island, Lake Burke, the Montebello Fish Hatchery, and Big Woods. The fee does not apply to public boat ramps.

Bill Leaning presented a program on “New Zealand, The Living Land.” Bill, originally from New Zealand, is a retired veterinarian and enthusiastic nature photographer.

Joe Piotrowski reminded the group that there will not be a meeting in December. He announced that the January meeting will be about owls.

At the end of the program, a free raffle was conducted.

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. and refreshments were served in the Andrews lobby outside Room 101.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer A. Boag, Secretary
Williamsburg Bird Club
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