

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Williamsburg Bird Club**

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
Room 150, Millington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: 69

President's Remarks:

- President Shirley Devan opened the meeting. She remarked that this fall marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Williamsburg Bird Club.
- Shirley 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 the two birthday cakes after the meeting were provided by Barb Streb.

Upcoming Field Trips & Bird Walks:

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

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September 22	New Quarter Park. Leader is Bill Williams.
September 23	Craney Island. Leader is Ruth Beck.
October 20	Kiptopeke.

Other Business:

Shirley made the following announcements:

- The club is sponsoring the publication of *The Birds of the Colonial Triangle* by Bill Williams. Shirley showed slides of the cover and of the map of the geographical areas covered in the book.
- We are selling raffle tickets for two gifts recently received by the Club. The gifts are a copy of *Owls of the World: A Photographic Guide* by Finnish owl expert Heimo Mikkola and a print of a pileated woodpecker by Ray Harm. *Owls of the World* features a photo by club member Seig Kopinitz of the Galapagos Barn Owl. We will use the proceeds from the raffles for our Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships and the Bill Sheehan and Ruth Beck Ornithological Research Grants for grad students at W&M.
- Shirley is now membership chairman for the VSO. She distributed VSO brochures instead of raffle tickets at the meeting and strongly encouraged club members to join.
- The Kiptopeke Challenge is this weekend. Our club has two teams – one led by Shirley and one led by Brian Tabor. The Challenge is the primary fundraiser for the Songbird Station.

Program:

Brian Tabor, president of the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory (CVWO), shared a brief history of the Songbird Station and debuted the 50th anniversary video of the people and birds of the last 50 years.

The video was created by Shirley Devan.

Bill Williams and Tom McCary presented a retrospective of the past 35 years of the Bird Club.

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

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and birthday cake was served in the lobby outside Millington 150.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer A. Boag, Secretary
Williamsburg Bird Club
September 22, 2012