

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the  
Williamsburg Bird Club and Historic Rivers Chapter, WMN**  
*Wednesday, November 14, 2012*  
Room 150, Millington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** approximately 60

President Shirley Devan opened the meeting, welcomed members and guests, and announced that this was a joint meeting with the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists. Shirley introduced Patty Maloney, President of the Historic Rivers Chapter, who made several announcements about events coming up for the Master Naturalists.

**President's Remarks:**

President Shirley Devan made the following announcements:

- Birds of Virginia's Colonial Historic Triangle by Bill Williams is here and available for \$20 per book or \$35 for two. Bill is in attendance tonight and will be glad to sign books.
- Refreshments after the meeting were provided by Barb Streb, Clyde Marsteller, and Mary Ann and John Fennell.
- The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is Sunday December 16, 2012. There will be an organizational meeting on December 2.

**Other Business:**

- Jeanette Navia presented the slate of 2013 board nominees to club members. The Nominating Committee was Geoff Giles, Jeanette Navia, and Shirley Devan. The slate was approved. The following Board members were elected for 2013:
  - President: Shirley Devan
  - Vice-President, Programs: Joe Piotrowski
  - Vice-President, The Flyer: Fred Blystone
  - Treasurer: Ann Carpenter
  - Secretary: Cathy Millar
  - Member-at-Large: Geoff Giles
  - Member-at-Large: Jeanette Navia
- Audrey Root gave a presentation about her experience at Nature Camp last summer.
- Club members reported seeing Loons and Evening Grosbeaks among other species.

**Program:**

Seig and Alice Kopinitz presented a program on a trip they took last January to Antarctica with

Lindblad-National Geographic Expeditions.

The presentation focused on ice, geology, flora and fauna. It also included photos from their trip to Iguazu Falls, one of the largest falls in the world.

Seig is a retired electrical engineer and Alice is a retired schoolteacher. They are members of the Williamsburg Bird Club, the Historic Rivers Chapter of the VA Master Naturalists, and the John Clayton Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society.

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

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and refreshments were served in the lobby outside Millington 150.

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