

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Williamsburg Bird Club**  
*Wednesday, February 20, 2013*  
Room 150, Millington Hall, W&M, 7:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** 45

**President's Remarks:**

- President Shirley opened the meeting and welcomed club members. There were no new members or visitors.
- Shirley reminded everyone about leaving a Parking Permit on their car.
- Shirley discussed the results of the 2013 Great Backyard Bird Count. Williamsburg, York County and James City County were #2 in the state with 231 checklists. VA Beach was #1 with 244. J.C.C. alone reported 107 species.
- Shirley enquired about recent memorable bird observations. Besides the Western Tanager at Bill Williams's feeder, there is now a second one in Seaford. Other birds noted by the members were a female Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Red Shouldered Hawks, Red Headed Woodpecker, Orange Crowned warbler, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Pine Siskins, and Ring-Necked Ducks by the hundreds.
- Shirley reminded everyone that those still owing their 2013 membership dues could do so tonight. Jeanette Navia, as Chair of Membership Committee, asked they be given to her. She would then pass them on to our Treasurer, Ann Carpenter.
- Shirley thanked Barb Streb and Virginia and George Boyles for providing this evening's refreshments.
- Shirley reminded the membership that Bird Club hats and Bill's book were available for a donation.

**Upcoming Events:**

- February 23: Bill Williams is leading a Bird Walk at New Quarter Park at 7:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot.
- March 8-10: Wilson Ornithological Society Conference in Williamsburg. A special "Local Birders" fee of \$50 gives members access to the two keynote speeches Friday and Saturday morning as well as the poster social. Field trips are available for an added fee. The Williamsburg Bird Club will have an exhibit at W&M's Sadler Center Friday and Saturday.
- March 9: Bird Walk at New Quarter Park at 8:a.m. Meet at Visitor Parking Lot.
- March 16: Williamsburg Bird Club Field Trip to Newport News Park. Time and further details to be announced in the newsletter. Geoff Giles commented that it is a great place for seeing Great Horned Owls, Barred Owls, and Screech Owls during the day.
- March 23: New Kent Forestry Center's "Walk in the Woods".
- April 20: Dismal Swamp field trip.

**Announcements:**

- Rock Moeslein invited members to participate in the Birding Cup Challenge to be held April 12, 7pm - April13, 7pm as a fund raiser for the Virginia Living Museum. Teams of 3-5 people compete for as many species of birds as can be found on the Peninsula during 24 hour period. Teams that raise at least \$150 are eligible for prizes. Rock had handouts for those interested.

Rock also presented the club with a hard- to- describe but funny big decorative wooden item: a birders head complete with binoculars and WBC hat that is designed for perching on a fence. Perhaps we can adapt it for sitting on the conference room table to keep an eye on our members!

**Program:**

Joe Piotrowski introduced the guest speaker, Bob Schamerhorn, who presented the photographic treat: "Wet and Wild II". He is a graphic designer and Shirley pointed out the VSO flier that he'd created. He shared how he built a ground level bird bath of his own design at his suburban Richmond home and the wonderful photos and movie clips of the birds that have been attracted to it through the seasons.

At the end of the meeting a free raffle was held.

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 8:55p.m.and refreshments were served in the lobby outside.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Millar, Secretary  
Williamsburg Bird Club  
February 21, 2013