

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Williamsburg Bird Club**  
*Wednesday, May 21, 2014*  
Room 101, Andrews Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Attendance: 68**

**President's Remarks:**

- President Geoff Giles opened the meeting. He welcomed club members and asked new members and guests to identify themselves.
- Dan Cristol asked members of the Club to consider allowing mist netting of house finches on their properties for a research project to be conducted by a former grad student. Only immature finches will be used for this project and they will live in captivity and be well cared for. He will provide additional info by email to club members who may be willing to support this research project.
- Shirley Devan told Club members that the "Wren Wrustlers" (Shirley, Jan Lockwood, Jeanette Navia, and Susan Powell) had raised the most money of any team for the VLM Bird Cup and won a pair of Eagle Optics Denali 8x42 binoculars as result. The Wrustlers donated the binoculars to the Club and they will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. The money raised will be used to support the Club's scholarships.
- Geoff reminded everyone about the annual Bird Club Picnic on June 1 at Ruth & Sherwin Beck's.
- Ruth Gordon mentioned that she and Jan Lockwood have created a potluck sign-up sheet for the picnic which is on the refreshment table. She encouraged everyone to sign up.

**Other Business:**

- Club members mentioned the following interesting birds in their yards: Cat Birds, Robins, Titmice, White-Breasted Nuthatches, and Hummingbirds.
- Bill Williams announced the results of the Spring Bird Count on May 4: 151 species, 2 below average, but 57 finches (?) were observed. Bill also reminded Club members about the Christmas Bird Count.
- Jan Lockwood reported that her group was currently monitoring 11 bluebird trails and said they were doing well. About 60 bluebirds have fledged and there are another 260 still in the boxes. Titmice and chickadees are also using the boxes.
- Bob Long announced that the Club has put up a new Purple Martin house and the old one is available.
- Cheryl Jacobson announced that the September club meeting will feature Dan Cristol and other fall meetings will be about juncos.

**Upcoming Events:**

Jim Corliss reminded members that there will be a Bird Walk at New Quarter Park on Saturday, May 24. He also asked members if there was any interest in a day trip to Chincoteague mid-week next month and ascertained that there was.

**Program:**

Bill Williams presented a program on the Warblers of the Colonial Historic Triangle.

At the end of the program, a raffle for the binoculars, a hummingbird feeder, and the book *Outliving Squirrels*, was conducted.

Geoff adjourned the meeting and refreshments were served.

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