

**Minutes of the Board
Williamsburg Bird Club**

April 21, 2025

Conducted via Zoom by Ann Carpenter/Presided by President Nancy Barnhart

Board Member Attendees: Nancy Barnhart, Mary Ellen Hodges, Ann Carpenter, Cathy Millar, Donna Benson, Deborah Humphries.

Board Members Absent: Cheryl Jacobson, Patty Maloney

Committee Chair Attendees: Jeanette Navia, George Martin, Shirley Devan, Catherine Flanagan, Nancy Barnhart, Lee Schuster, Gary Carpenter

Committee Chairs Absent: Cheryl Jacobson, Scott Hemler, Patty Maloney

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Barnhart at 3 pm. A quorum of the Executive Board was present.

Secretary's Report – Cathy Millar:

Cathy had submitted via email to the Board the draft of January 27, 2025 Board Minutes twice for review and correction. Ann Carpenter moved that the minutes be approved and Mary Ellen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Cathy will submit the minutes for posting on WBC's website.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Carpenter:

Ann provided a detailed Statement of Activity for Club Year 2025. Below is a summary of the Current Club Assets as of April 21.

Statement of Financial Position	
Distribution account	Total
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Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Truist CD One Year 8470004376221	2,500.00
Truist CD Two Year 8470004376248	2,500.00
Truist Checking Account	3,418.68
Truist Money Market	9,134.08
Total for Bank Accounts	\$17,552.76
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	120.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$120.00
Total for Current Assets	\$17,672.76
Fixed Assets	
Other Assets	
Bird Club Fund in Wmbg Comm Fnd	12,963.58
Total for Other Assets	\$12,963.58

Total for Assets

\$30,636.34

Club Year Income and Expenses Summary:

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing the income and expenses to date for Club Year 2025.

Our total ordinary income to date for Club Year 2025 is \$ \$9,649.41. There will be a couple more renewals and there will be another donation from Wild Birds Unlimited (estimate of \$500).

Ordinary Expenses to date are: \$6,529.07

Current Balance of Ordinary Income to Expense is: \$3,120.34

Additional expenses for CY 2025 are expected to be:

Administrative Costs	
Post Office Box	\$ 180.00
Postage	\$ 51.00
Quick Books	\$ 93.00
Zoom	\$ 97.95
Total Administrative Costs	\$ 421.95
VABB2	\$ 1,000.00
Club Dues	
VSO dues	\$ 25.00
Purple Martin Conservation Assoc	\$ 150.00
Total Club Dues	\$ 175.00
Flyer	
Flyer Printing	\$ 181.35
Meeting Expenses	
Meeting Room Expenses	\$ 450.00
Speaker Honoraria Fees	\$ 400.00
Total Meeting Expenses	\$ 850.00
Seed Purchase	
CDR	\$ 99.64
Purple Martin House Maintenance	???
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,727.94

Other notes:

As noted in the previous report, the Club voted to award four Research Grant Scholarships, however William and Mary only sent us two applications

As noted in previous reports, we are carrying forward an amount to fund additional Nature Camp Scholarship in the future. However, this year's costs exceeded the designated donations to Nature Camp so the balance has dropped to \$596.49.

Total proceeds from the sale of Bill's Book are \$3,140. The printing costs were \$2,995.

Ann met with a Truist bank manager in late March and purchased two CD's, each \$2,500, one for one year and one for two years. The rate is 4% APY. She also set up a different Money Market account for us that earns a higher interest rate. Ann would like to purchase another 5- month CD at the end of this

month. The APY will be 4%. That one will be cashed out at the end of September so that we have sufficient funding to carry us into 2026. Ann reviewed the rates as of Saturday and the 12-month CD is now down to 3.75% APY. All other periods are very low.

Discussion of Ann's request to buy another 5-month CD led to a motion made by George Martin to purchase another 5-month CD in the amount of \$6,000. Lee Schuster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Flyer – Mary Ellen Hodges, Vice President (Editor): Mary Ellen reported that there will be two more newsletters (May & June) before the summer break. For the June newsletter, Shirley will submit an article about the results of our upcoming Spring Bird Count. She will also submit an article describing the experience of having a W&M professor and undergraduate set up a GoPro camera on a cardinal's nest on the boarder of Shirley's property to conduct research on female cardinals singing on the nest while incubating.

Programs – Patty Maloney, Vice President: Because Patty was absent, Nancy reported the following:

- **May 21** at 6:30 pm: Dixie Sommers on birding in Chile in November 2023. She saw 258 species.
- **June 18** at 6:00 pm: Outdoor social gathering at Chickahominy Park. Cheryl Jacobson and her team will give us an update on Purple Martins.

Members -at - Large – Deborah Humphries and Donna Benson: Deborah has been working with Dixie Sommers on selecting photos for the 2nd Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas. Over 250 photographers from all over Virginia have been adding their excellent photos.

Committee Chairs

Field Trips – George Martin: Field Trip Coordinator: George reported that the trip to Chippokes State Park was a success, especially with 2 young people attending under the age of 10. Total attendance of 22. With Nancy Barnhart's leadership, 63 species were identified.

George is offering to lead up to 15 members on Ford's Colony Nature Trail on May 17th. Passes will be required. Details will be included in upcoming *The Flyer*.

No further field trips until September.

Bird Walks – Scott Hemler: Not present. Nancy announced for him the following:

- **Saturday, April 26:** "4th Saturday" New Quarter Park bird walk led by Scott will meet in the parking lot by the park office at 8:00 a.m.

Membership/Webmaster – Jeanette Navia: Jeanette reported that an email was sent out to 90 who had not renewed their membership and 45 have already renewed!

Conservation Committee/Past President – Cheryl Jacobson: Cheryl was unable to attend. Nancy noted that we needed to know what was needed for this year's maintenance of purple martin gourds. Nancy will contact her and if a Board vote is needed, we can conduct that via email.

Bird Counts/Liaison to VSO – Shirley Devan: Shirley reported that preparations for our annual Spring Bird Count on April 27 are in good shape. She reminded us of the VSO May field trip and also of the annual VSO meeting on May 1st with John Swaddle as speaker.

Library Liaison/Refreshments – Catherine Flanagan: Cathy reported that she has a good number of people on her sign-up sheet to provide membership meeting refreshments. She's planning for the June picnic. She remains in communication with the public library regarding books about birds.

Liaison to CDR/Assistant Editor – Gary Carpenter: Gary supplied CDR with bird seeds 2 months ago and has had no requests since. He has not been able to acquire any follow-up on their impending move. He's concerned that the new facility doesn't appear to have great windows for the kids to watch birds.

Nature Camp Scholarships – Lee Schuster: Lee reported that everything is all set for the 3 selected students to go. Patty Maloney will be replacing Lee in this role in 2026.

Records/Liaison to CVWO – Nancy Barnhart: Nancy reported that enough of Bill Williams's book, THE BIRDS OF VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL HISTORIC TRIANGE (second edition), have been sold to cover the cost of printing. Any further sales will yield a profit.

New and Continuing Business

The Sale of Bill Williams's Book: A lively discussion ensued regarding how to offer the remaining 70 books for sale locally via a \$20 donation/\$25 to include mailing. The following was suggested:

- Nancy will check with Bill about his donating a copy to our 2 public libraries and a copy to the W&M library plus another to the archives.
- Results in publicity in local newspaper via Local Authors Contribution.
- Nancy to check with Matt Anthony about getting word out about availability via VA-Bird Listserv.
- Have books available at upcoming VSO field trip.
- Keep a supply in Backyard Birder and Wild Birds Unlimited (currently about 6 per store)

VSO Outreach: Nancy reported that the mini field trip to Greensprings Interpretive Trail for which our club will provide leaders will be scheduled sometime this autumn. More information to come.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2025 at 3 pm via Zoom was agreed upon.

Nancy Barnhart adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Millar, Secretary,
Williamsburg Bird Club,
April 22, 2025

