

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board  
Williamsburg Bird Club  
Williamsburg Regional Library  
January 14, 2008**

Member Attendees: Joanne Andrews, Fred Blystone, Shirley Devan, Mary Anne Fennell, Sara Lewis, Bob Long, Alex Minarik, Chuck Rend

Chair Attendees: Tom Armour, John Fennell, Jeanette Navia

Absent: All board members present

1. Secretary's Report:
  - a. Minutes from the November meeting were approved as read.
  - b. Minutes of WBC board meetings will henceforth be posted on the club website. Jeanette will facilitate this.
2. Treasurers Report:
  - a. Chuck entered into the record the 2007 financial report.
  - b. Ornithology grants and donations: After discussion, it was moved seconded and passed that the draft budget be accepted as presented with the donations kept at the same level and to the same recipients as last year and the club awarding 3 ornithology grants for 2008.
  - c. Tracking new member sources: 14 new members applied after receiving forms from meetings or members [M], and 8 new members applied online.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Programs: Alex has programs for 4 of the 8 meetings for 2008 already scheduled
  - b. Newsletter: Fred is going to try to add pictures to the newsletter where appropriate. He asked that members forward newsletter items to him.
  - c. Field Trips: there will be 8 monthly field trips. Tom has 6 tour guides lined up. The Jan. field trip will be to NN Park.
  - d. Membership: Jeanette presented the new roster for 2008 members. She will send out a packet to new members to include: bird check list, species list, list of birding spots, maps to meeting place, a card to remind members to donate receipts to Wild Birds Unlimited, and a welcome letter from Shirley.
  - e. Refreshments: Barb Streb will continue to coordinate this program
  - f. Library: no report
  - g. Historian: Cynthia Long will continue to chair this committee
  - h. Adapt-A-Highway: John reported that there is still confusion at the Highway Dept. as to which organization is responsible for the stretch of John Tyler Highway. A highway spokesperson is to get back to him. He will report further in March.
4. Old Business: Nature Camp Scholarship: The garden club is no longer administering this program. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that between now and March 10<sup>th</sup>, the club will advertise the availability of the scholarship through the

newsletter, the newspaper, and our website. Students must submit an essay as well as a letter from their teacher to the club's PO Box. A committee will finalize the process, select the winner and present the selection to the board at the March meeting. The committee will consist of: M.A. Fennell, S. Lewis, C. Rend, and J. Navia.

5. New Business:

- a. Bob White Habitat Program: A proposal was entered into record to join with the VA Native Plant Society and the VA Master Naturalist Program to enhance a section of NQ Park to provide habitat for quail. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that the club will work with these other 2 organizations to proceed with a feasibility and planning study for this project and to make up to \$100 of funds available for this study.
  - b. Posting a PDF copy of *Flyer* on Website: After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that we offer the option to members of only receiving the *Flyer* electronically.
6. Due to time constraints, the remainder of the agenda will be addressed at the March meeting

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Anne Fennell, Secretary  
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