

## Rockingham Bird Club Meeting-September 2, 2021 (via Zoom)

**Total Participants for September's meeting: 25**

Robyn called the meeting in order at 7:02pm

She mentioned that we will continue virtual meetings until January 2021. We have speakers lined up through rest of year.

### **Bird Sightings:**

- Vic: Off Swope Road spotted Two Red Necked Phalaropes, Wilson's Phalarope, Lesser yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper and Solitary Sandpiper.
- Diane: Black and White Warbler spotted in backyard
- Herb: Ruby Throated Hummingbird spotted over pond

Hadley asked about being able to feed birds again. Robyn replied said that it was okay to start feeding again as long as there's no unusual bird deaths in the area.

The Minutes from our last meeting (5/6/2021 - elections) have been approved by the Executive Committee. If no one disagrees, I'll dispense with the reading of the minutes and treat them as approved. No objections to the approval of the minutes.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Field Trips are postponed for now. Diane asked that if anyone is interested in leading a trip, then the club is open to it.
- The Hawk Watch is underway on Afton Mountain. Open house is Sept 18, 10-3:00 weather permitting. Representatives from the club will be there.

The VSO is planning:

Fall trip to Chincoteague September 10-12, 2021 &

Outer Banks Field Trip for Feb 4-6, 2022.

Details on their website: [viriniabirds.org](http://viriniabirds.org)

She encourages everyone to join the VSO!

- Bird Seed Sale info (Notes from Kathy Byers)
  1. Hopefully everyone received sale information with their newsletters. Online and paper order forms can be found at our website.
  2. A big thank you to Audrey and to Denise for their help.
  3. Orders are due online or to Kathy Byers by Fri Sept 17
  4. Curbside Pick Up will be Sat Nov 13 9:00am-1:00pm at the Poultry Barn, Rockingham Fairgrounds.
  5. Thank you to all past supporters
  6. Please share with family and friends!

Our sales are off to a rather slow start. She took some small fliers to the Farmer's Market.

- Treasurer's Report
- Audrey just reminded people to renew/pay their yearly dues. You can include them with bird seed purchases. Let her know if anyone wants to do the records review from the past year.
- Diane added that if you purchase a certain amount of seed (\$300), you get a free membership. Some volunteers will make suet for the sale too. Please share with friends!

No other committee reports at this time.

**Old Business:**

- Work continues on The Birds of Rockingham County book & updated bird list.
- Robyn did not note any other Old Business.

**New Business:**

- Diane mentioned Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas is sorting through the data collected over five years. VSO great funding need to get information that is accessible to the public to promote conservation. If you have any inclination to donate funds, then contact VSO.
- Announcements?
  - Next meeting is October 7th. Please pay your dues to keep getting your Newsletter!
  - No other announcements
- Adjourn (If there is no objection and no further business to come before the meeting tonight, the meeting will be adjourned.) Meeting Adjourned @ 7:16pm.

Thanks again for coming. VP Robyn Puffenbarger will present our speaker Vic Laubach to talk about Raptor Migration at Rockfish Gap. More information can be found at [www.rockfishgaphawkwatch.org](http://www.rockfishgaphawkwatch.org)