

# Rockingham Bird Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 2/3/2022

- President Debbie Harrison: Call to Order: the virtual February meeting of RBC will please come to order. (time: 7:00pm)  
Thank you to Robyn for hosting & welcome everyone!
- Club Officers are listed on the back page of our newsletter. Please consider more active participation in THE CLUB! ALL positions come with LOTS of mentoring, so don't expect to go-it-alone.

Debbie told participants that our bylaws instruct us to form a Nominations Committee at the March meeting, with a Report of Nominations made in April, with elections in May, so Contact me, or current Officers, ASAP. (Bylaws & Constitution are on the Website too.)

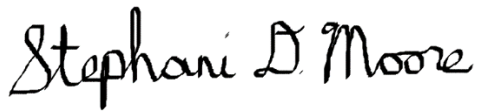
Robyn kindly filled the VP position for **5 years**, but is stepping down at the end of our year (June 2022). Diane, VP of Field Trips, has filled that position **longer** than I have been president & 2022 ends my **eighth year** as President. WE need some new faces on the Executive Committee. My thanks to our Members-at-large as they finish their first (2-year) term & our Committee Chairs: Kathy Byers for Bird Seed Sale, Denise Hoodock as Newsletter Editor, Bill Benish as our Christmas Bird Count Chair/Compiler and Art Fovarge as Historian.

- Ask for Bird Sightings (besides the newsletter, FaceBook & ShenVal Birds posts):
  - Debbie Harrison: two Purple Finches & several Red Breasted Nuthatches spotted at feeder
  - Diane Lepkowski: Trumpeter Swan spotted by north river near Augusta county line
  - Kathy Byers: Yellow Bellied Sapsuckers in back yard
  - Linda: American Robin in back yard
  - Herb Myers: Saw a grey morph Eastern Screech Owl in back yard nest box after a long absence
- The Minutes from our last meeting (Dec 2021: January 2022 meeting was cancelled.) have been approved by the Board, and posted on the website. If no one disagrees, I'll dispense with the reading of the minutes and treat them as approved as printed.
- Committee Reports: Diane Lepkowski, Field trips –
  - After a long hiatus, field trips will resume at Hillandale Park. Next two dates will be Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting at 8:30am at the main pavilion parking lot and Tom Mizell will lead the trips. All Covid precautions will apply.
  - Raptor/Waterfowl Count Day February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Few commitments of participation. They will spread across City of Harrisonburg and the county counting any birds of prey and waterfowl. She also said that they are not pairing people up in cars.
- Old Business
  - Work on Birds of Rockingham County Book, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, continues.
  - I do not note any other Old Business.
- New Business
  - Nominations for all offices are top of the list now.
  - March is the month for Bluebirds & our trail at Rockingham County Fairgrounds needs a leader & monitors. Debbie will reach out to previous monitors to see if they want to participate again. The Virginia Bluebird Society compiles information of nest, hatchlings etc. from all trails in the state and the leader would be responsible for sending that information to them.
  - Any new business to come before the Club? No

- Announcements?
  - Our next ZOOM meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Please let any Board members know of your suggestions, concerns or questions/comments.
  - Any other? \_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_
  
- Anything else to come before the meeting? \_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_
  
- Adjourn (If there is no objection and no further business to come before the meeting tonight, the meeting will be adjourned.)
  
- Meeting Adjourned @ \_\_\_\_\_7:09pm\_\_\_\_\_.

Turn program over to Robyn Puffenbarger, Vice-Pres/Program Chair to introduce our Speaker: Matt Bright from Earth Sangha.

Total Participants: 29 on Zoom (~34 people total)



Stephani D. Moore  
February 3, 2022