

Rockingham Bird Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 5/5/2022

- Call to Order by Debbie Harrison, president: the May meeting of RBC will please come to order.
(time: 7:12pm)
welcome everyone!
- According to our roster, we have 95 members (family memberships are counted as one).
A quorum, per our Bylaws, is 1/3 of members present.
- Ask for Bird Sightings (besides the newsletter, FaceBook & ShenVal Birds posts):
None Noted

- The Minutes from our last meeting have been/will be approved by the Executive Committee. If no one disagrees, I'll dispense with the reading of the minutes and treat them as approved. Any objections? None Noted
- Committee Reports:
 - Correspondence from Jill & Lance Morrow re: Kestrel Study area: experiencing an Excellent year! 82 available boxes with 69 boxes containing kestrel eggs. Captured 66 breeding females. 298 eggs, so far.
 - Treasurer's Report? No
 - Any other committee reports?
Diane Lepkowski informed those present that Greg's field trip to Paul State Forest will be moved to Monday @ 8:30am due to the weather. If anyone wanted to attend, then they should email to let Greg know. (His email is in the RBC newsletter.)
- Old Business
 - Work continues on The Birds of Rockingham County book & updated bird list.
 - I do not note any other Old Business.
- New Business
 - ELECTIONS for 2022-2023 Executive Committee (over)
 - Any new business to come before the Club? None Noted
- Announcements?
 - Working on June's meeting, as to place/Zoom/speaker. Our year ends June 30th. The Newsletter will be created for June, stay tuned for further details.
 - Any other? None Noted
- Anything else to come before the meeting? None Noted
- Adjourn (If there is no objection and no further business to come before the meeting tonight, the meeting will be adjourned.)
- Business Meeting Adjourned @ 7:27pm.
- I would like to present Valerie Kenyon Gaffney, President of the VA Bluebird Society.

Thanks, Valerie. Happy Birding everyone!

FIRST: Let me thank for current Board members for their commitment to this Club. Let me also remind you that the current term ends June 30th, & starts again with a meeting in August for the Executive Committee & normal monthly meetings begin in September 2022. The President & VP-Programs will NOT serve again this coming year. I will continue on the Board as Past-President & the Club truly needs a President and VP-Programs. The Executive Committee can help with securing speakers; we have many resources. The President needs to open & close the monthly meetings. Remember this is a friendly audience; no one is forced to be here!

SECOND: Let me also thank those who have agreed to serve on the Board for the coming year. The VP-Field Trips has agreed to continue in her role (but will NOT also take on the role of VP-Programs). Each VP position has its own role to fill.

I do not expect our current Treasurer & Secretary to take “double-duty” either.

Members-at-Large are a valuable addition to our Executive Committee and cannot also serve as Officers. If they want to move to an Officer position, the Member-at-Large positions will be included in the elections.

To the rest of you: you see us in action each month, it’s not a huge commitment, with only 2-3 Executive Board meetings during the year.

THIRD: Speaking just for myself now, I have thoroughly enjoyed my ~12 years in this organization! So many new friends AND new birds!

After a couple years as “just a member”, I became Member-at-Large in July 2013 & President in July 2014. It is time for me to step down and give someone else the opportunity to serve others and grow personally and increase your personal enrichment. Generosity is good for the Club and good for each of us too!

That being said,

The following persons have been nominated for the fiscal year 2022-2023:

President	<i>No Nomination</i>
First Vice-President (programs)	<i>No Nomination</i>
Second Vice-President (field trips)	Diane Lepkowski
Secretary	Stephani Moore
Treasurer	Audrey Shenk

Members at Large:

#1 Kathy Fovargue finishes her first (elected) term June 2023 & can serve for one more 2-yr term.

#2 Herb Myer (He was not present at the meeting, but he gave permission to use his name.)

Nominations from the floor are now in order:

Any nominations for the office of President?

No nominations presented for this position

Nominations for the office of President are now closed.

Any nominations for the office of Vice-President for Programs?

Diane Lepkowski nominated Kathy Byers for this position.

Nominations for the office of Vice-President of Programs are now closed.

Are there any additional nominations, for any office? None noted.

I need a motion to close the nominations & a second.

Motion By: Stephani Moore 2nd: Anne Nielsen

The Nominations are closed.

Is there a motion to accept the slate as presented? Kathy Fovargue made motion.

Second? Art Fovargue seconded motion.

Vote. Everyone said Aye.

Thank you. The slate for 2022-2023 is duly elected. Congratulations!

Participants: 27

Stephani D. Moore

May 6, 2022