

Rockingham Bird Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 5/11/2023

- RBC President Mike Donaldson: Call to Order: The in person May meeting of RBC will please come to order, without the gavel. (Time: 7:01 pm) at the Park View Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall.

Mike introduced himself. He said to take a minute to say hello to your neighbor. Then, he asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of last meeting minutes with no objections. Mike mentioned that there is a copy of the meeting minutes always available on the RBC website.

He asked if there were any new members/visitors to this meeting. First, Ally Sawyer introduced herself, saying that she knew Andrew and Miranda Troyer from EMU. Also, Beth Strunk introduced herself and her husband Bill, who moved from Buffalo about two and a half years ago.

- **Old Business:** None
- **Recent Bird Sightings**

Annie Shank: She spotted a Great Egret at the Nazarene Wetlands as well as a Yellow Billed Cuckoo on a farm.

Zack Perdue: He saw a Wilson's Warbler at Hillendale Park

Man sitting in back: He commented on seeing a Veery in his backyard.

Tom Mizell: He saw a Black Crowned Night Heron flying over river.

- **Reports from Executive Committee**

Mike Donaldson (President):

He said that this meeting would be the annual election report of the Nominating Committee led by former president Debbie Harrison. Debbie came to the front and thanked the current board members for staying on for another year. She also thanked Stephani for her hard work as Secretary, but told everyone that she was leaving due to work commitments. Debbie also thanked Kathy Fovargue, whose Member at Large term ended this year. She then read the roster of the nominated Executive Committee members for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which follows:

President: Mike Donaldson

First Vice-President (programs): Kathy Byers

Second Vice President (field trips) Diane Lepkowski

Secretary: No nominees for this position.

Treasurer: Audrey Shenk.

Member at Large: Andrew Troyer

Then, Mike asked for further nominations from the floor: No nominations for any of the positions. Mike asked one last time at the conclusion for any more nominations, but no one offered any names. So Mike closed the nominations. The club would vote by voice. The motion was raised by Debbie Harrison with Art seconding it. All the members said aye so all of the candidates were officially elected. Mike thanked everyone as well as congratulating all of the officers.

Kathy Byers (Vice President of Programs):

For the last meeting of the year, there will be a potluck. For the program, Diane and Greg Moyers will present their amazing slides of birds from the past few years. In addition, she is working on programs for next year. If anyone wants to present for one of the meetings, then just let her know.

Diane Lepkowski (Vice President of Field Trips):

Diane is out of town for this meeting so Kathy Byers will report in her place. She mentioned that they have set dates for the Hillandale Park walks, which will be on the second Thursdays of the month set through August. The summer field trip dates are June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th. In addition, they will have a bonus walk on June 21st starting at 9:30am and then at 10:30am, they will celebrate the start of summer.

Audrey Shenk (Treasurer): Nothing to report.

Art Fovargue (Club Historian): Nothing to report.

Bill Benish (Christmas Bird Count Coordinator): He was not present at this meeting.

- **New Business:**
- **Announcements?**

-Mike talked about the 4th annual Black Birders Week led by Christian Cooper. It will be from May 28th-June 3rd, which will include panel discussions, and virtual & in person bird walk. For more information, you can go to the RBC Facebook page as well as the club website.

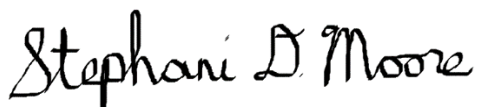
-Also, Mike mentioned that Bill and Martha Faw will not be able to continue doing the name tags past this upcoming June meeting. If you are interested in taking over for them, it is pretty straightforward and Bill and Martha will be happy to teach you. Please let Mike, the Faws or any of the club officers know if you are interested in taking over this task.

- Our next in person meeting is June 8th at 7:00 pm.

- 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 @ 7:19 pm

Kathy Byers introduced our Speaker for this meeting: Jeff Cooper presenting “Bald Eagles Status. Distribution and Research in Virginia.”

Total Participants: 43



Stephani D. Moore
May 13, 2023