

ROCKINGHAM BIRD CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I (Name)

- Section 1. The name of this organization is the Rockingham Bird Club.
- Section 2. The Rockingham Bird Club is a local chapter of the Virginia Society of Ornithology, Inc.

ARTICLE II (Purpose)

- Section 1. The purpose and object of this club shall be to promote interest in the study of birds, and in the conservation of birds and other natural resources.

ARTICLE III (Membership & Dues)

- Section 1. Membership is open to any person who is interested in promoting the purpose of this club, upon the payment of dues required.
- Section 2. Memberships are: Individual, Student and Family.

ARTICLE IV (Officers)

- Section 1. Officers of the club shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually.
- Section 2. In addition to the above named officers, two members – at – large shall be elected to serve two years terms. These members – at – large may serve 1 successive term.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall include all the officers cited in Article IV, Section 1, and the chairpersons of all standing committees cited in the By-laws, Article V, Section 2. The immediate past president shall be a member (ex-officio) of the Executive Committee for a period of one year.
- Section 4. Annual election of officers as listed in Article IV, Section 1, shall be held at the May club meeting. Officers elected at this meeting will take office for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE V (Meetings)

- Section 1. The club shall schedule at least 9 meetings a year. The club calendar shall open on September 1 and continue through June 30 of the following year.

Additional meetings may be held as desired, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the membership.

ARTICLE VI (Amendments)

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority of members voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been furnished to all members two weeks prior to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I (Meetings)

- Section 1. Business may be transacted at any meeting of the membership. One-third (1/3) of the membership present will constitute a quorum.
- Section 2. All members in good standing shall be notified of all meetings of the club.

ARTICLE II (Dues)

- Section 1. The dues of the club shall be determined annually. All dues of the membership are on the club year basis, and will not be pro-rated. Dues are payable in advance of the first meeting in September.
- Section 2. Members who have not paid dues prior to November 1st, of current year, will be dropped from the club roster of members in good standing.

ARTICLE III (Duties of Officers)

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee, may call meetings of the Executive Committee at any time and call meetings of the club with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint the chairmen of all Standing Committees.
- Section 2. The First Vice President shall be in charge of programs and activities, except field trips. The First Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee and will preside at the meetings when the President is absent or otherwise unable to act.
- Section 3. The Second Vice President shall be in charge of all field trips and give a report of such at each monthly meeting.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of the club meetings and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep an up-to-date copy of the Constitution, as well as write such letters as may be necessary to conduct club business.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, collect, and account for all monies of the club and shall expend funds at the direction of the Executive Committee. All payments shall be made by check. The Treasurer shall prepare a roster of members in good standing and send this roster to the Newsletter Editor. The club account shall be presented for audit once each year. The Treasurer is also a member of the Ways and Means Committee. The

treasurer is responsible for making memorial gifts to the Massanutten Regional Library in honor of a deceased member in good standing. The club fiscal year will be July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE IV (Duties of the Executive Committee)

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall take the initiative in planning the general activities of the club and determining policies, subject to the approval of the membership.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall supervise the finances of the club and authorize expenditures.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall make adequate reports to the membership through the President.
- Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of three (3) times per club year.

ARTICLE V (Standing Committees)

- Section 1. The President may designate special committees approved by the Executive Committee and shall appoint the chairman of each committee.
- Section 2. The Standing Committees may include:
 - 1. Club Historian – the historian shall preserve in a scrapbook club records, such as newsletters, pictures of club activities, and articles of local interest.
 - 2. Christmas Bird Count – the compiler shall plan and direct the Christmas Bird Count each winter.
 - 3. Male Breeding Bird Census – the compiler shall plan and direct this study.
 - 4. Ways and Means – the chairman shall organize all fund raising projects for the club.
 - 5. Bird Records – the chairman shall compile verified bird sightings made by members. This shall include the Hawk migration counts.
 - 6. Newsletter Editor – the Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the club newsletter for each month the club is in session. The newsletter should be mailed to the membership 1 week prior to each meeting.
 - 7. Publications – the chairman shall be responsible for the publication and/or revisions of any check-list, books, etc., that the Executive Committee may deem necessary.
 - 8. Bluebird Monitoring – the chairman shall be responsible for overseeing monitoring of Bluebird trails established by Rockingham

Bird Club. The chairman shall be also responsible for summarizing yearly results and reporting to the Club, as well as to the Virginia Bluebird Society.

ARTICLE VI (Annual Elections)

- Section 1. At the March club meeting, the Executive Committee will name a Nominating Committee of three members. The immediate past President will be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. It will be the duty of the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of one nominee for each office described in Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, plus two members – at – large. This committee shall present a report to the membership at the May meeting. Nominees will be selected from the roster of members in good standing.
- Section 2. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting, provided each person whose name is placed in nomination shall, prior to voting, signify consent to serve if elected.
- Section 3. Nominees receiving a majority of votes cast shall be declared elected and shall serve a 1 year term.
- Section 4. Vacancies on the staff of officers may be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term only.

ARTICLE VII (Amendments)

- Section 1. The By-laws may be amended by a majority of members voting, providing notice of the proposed amendment (s) has been furnished to all members two weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII (Parliamentary Authority)

- Section 1. Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for the club.

ARTICLE IX (Dissolution)

- Section 1. In the event of dissolution of this club, no member, officer, or individual shall be entitled to a share in the dissolution of any of the assets and all assets shall be distributed for their stated purposes or to scientific, educational or other organizations with like purposes.