

Rockingham Bird Club – Policies

as of January 1, 2020

Inclement Weather (for meetings)

RBC follows the decision made by Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) announced on the radio & website, etc. If classes are canceled OR delayed, then the meeting is canceled.

Field Trips (for minors)

RBC welcomes members and guests on all field trips. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or adult who is responsible for the minor.

Speakers (for meetings)

RBC pays mileage at the prevailing IRS rate (\$0.725 for 2026)

\$100 Honorarium

\$100 towards overnight lodging (receipt required)

Mileage reimbursement cannot be greater than \$150.

Pre-meeting Dinner, with the club, for Speaker & one traveling companion

Exceptions to the guidelines above may be approved by the Executive Comm in advance.

Memorials (for deceased members)

Treasurer will include a memorial donation along with the annual donation to MRL for deceased members of the previous year, with \$30-\$50 per person, with the Board having oversight to determine the amount.

Donations (after Bird Seed Sale fundraiser)

RBC executive committee decides on amounts and charities to support, usually done in December or January.

De Minimus expenditures

RBC Treasurer shall reimburse members in good standing for de minimus expenses necessary for the Club's operations. De minimus means less than \$50.

Rationale: If the Club cannot expediently pay for expenses directly, this will simplify the process. It has been needed in the past for name tags & carrying case & the projector cable. Usually, a request is made of the President or Treasurer before any purchase & wouldn't require the full Executive Committee's attention. Such expense receipts will be presented to the Treasurer with a reimbursement claim form for payment. Expenses in excess of \$50 should be approved by the ExComm going forward.

Lifetime Memberships

Lifetime Memberships are conferred by the ExComm for outstanding services rendered to RBC. (Our Bylaws stipulate Memberships: Individual, Student and Family.)