

Hampton Roads Bird Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, 12 February 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ID Challenge: The ID challenge was comprised of the Thick-billed Murre and Common Murre, and Common Eider (female and male).
3. EXCOM Member Reports:
 - a. President (Dave Youker): Dave advised the Club that the Nominating Committee still needs someone to volunteer as a Field Trip Coordinator for the 2015-16 season.
 - b. Field Trip Coordinator (Stuart Sweetman): Stuart discussed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel trip (scheduled for 14 February) as well as the Craney Island trip. The Craney Island trip will be either March 7th or March 21st. Stuart will let us know.
 - c. Hospitality (Virginia Boyles): Virginia Boyles still needs one snack volunteer for May meetings, as well another volunteer to help with the June picnic. Please let Virginia know if you can help out.
 - d. Newsletter Editor (Tom Charlock): Tom is still soliciting for articles!
 - e. Treasurer (John Adair): John advised that the Club's 501.3(c) status as a non-profit organization has been officially reinstated by the IRS.
 - f. Membership (Gwen Harris): New members introduced include Betty O'Leary, Karen Wetherell, and Anthony Nixon.
 - g. Publicity (Jessica Rodgers): Jessica advised that she just started a new job, so any assistance with managing the Club's Facebook page would be appreciated. If you have any pictures you'd like posted on the Facebook page you can email them to Jessica (of course if you are Facebook member you can always post them yourself). Jessica also writes the "birdnerd" feature in the Daily Press, and is available to do talks on birding for groups.
4. Open Discussion: Rock Moeslein announced that the Virginia Living Museum will be holding the Birding Cup this year, 6:30 p.m. May 10th to 6:30 p.m. May 11th. 3 to 5 member teams compete to see the most species (not number!) of birds during the 24 hour period. The winning team gets their team name and the number of species seen engraved on the Cup. There is a \$20 registration fee. Contact Rock for more info or go to the VLM website (<http://thevlm.org/>).
5. Guest Speaker: Delores Freeman, a Ranger from the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge gave a very informative presentation about the Swamp's history, current status, and future. Among many other interesting facts, Delores related that the Refuge had just this week received funding to introduce Red-cockaded Woodpeckers into the Refuge this fall!
6. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
7. Next meeting is Thursday, March 12, 2015, 6:30 PM, Sandy Bottom Park.