

Hampton Roads Bird Club
Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting
01 March 2016

1. The EXCOM met at The Greene Turtle restaurant in Hampton. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Attendance:
 - a. EXCOM Members and Committee Chairpersons Present:
President (Dave Youker)
Vice President – Brenda Gervais
Treasurer – John Adair
Secretary – Bill Boeh
Directors: Pete Peterman (2014-2017); Andy Hawkins(2015-2018)
Elisa Enders (2013-2016)
Programs Committee (Brenda Gervais)
Publication Committee (Tom Charlock)
Field Trip Committee (Stuart Sweetman)
Host (Katrina Weber)
Publicity Committee (Jessica Ausura)
 - b. EXCOM Members and Committee Chairpersons Absent:
Membership Committee (Gwen Harris)
 - c. Non-Committee Members in Attendance: None
3. Board member reports/topics for discussion:
 - a. The President brought up the following topics for discussion:
 - i. Nominating committee: There are currently two volunteers for the committee; one more is required to fully staff the committee per the Club by-laws.
 - ii. Officers for 2016-2017. Dave asked the current officers whether they would like to serve an additional year in their current positions. The following officers agreed to continue serving:

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The following officers do not wish to continue in their present positions:

President (Dave Youker)

Director: Elisa Enders (2013-2016)

Field Trip Committee (Stuart Sweetman)

After canvassing those present it was determined that Shawn Dash agreed to run for the position of President. Candidates for the remaining vacancies (Field Trip Committee and Director) pend.

- iii. Outreach Funding: Dave advised that since there had not been an intern for the club to support this year the \$500 earmarked for the sponsorship had not been spent. Dave suggested some other projects which the club could support:
 - 1. The VSO Breeding Bird survey
 - 2. A CVWO project to install a Motus Wildlife Tracking System (Motus) at Craney Island (Motus is a coordinated network of radio-telemetry arrays managed under a common database that facilitates tracking movements and behaviors of small organisms at local, regional, or even hemispheric scales). The total cost of the Motus installation would cost approximately \$5,500.
- iv. Club recognition for members. Dave sought the Board's input as to whether there should be a program for recognizing members' contributions to the club and/or long-term active membership. After considering various ideas, the board agreed that there should be space available in the club newsletter if anyone would like to recognize a member. Additionally, Jessica offered to run another survey in April that would include a solicitation to recommend club members that deserved recognition. Based on the results of the survey there may be recognition of deserving members at the annual picnic in June. The board will discuss the concept further, including determining what form the recognition at the picnic would take.

Action: During discussion it was noted that donations to the Breeding Bird Survey could be made next year since it is a multi-year project, whereas the Motus installation was an immediate near-term need on the part of CVWO. Accordingly a motion was made to donate \$500 to the CVWO for the Motus project. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. Committee Chair Reports:

- i. Programs: Brenda advised that she still did not have a speaker for the March meeting. Members provided a couple of candidates and volunteered to help Brenda contact them.
- ii. Host: Katrina advised that the picnic would be held June 4 at Newport News Park. She suggested that there be a raffle at the picnic and requested the board's input. The board advised that since there wasn't a good space at the park to place raffle items, perhaps the raffle should be held at the May meeting instead. Katrina agreed and will pursue the idea.
- iii. Publicity: Jessica advised that the Blue Skies Gallery in Hampton was struggling, and was looking for local artists to display their artwork there as a means promote business. She asked members to pass that word along if they happened to know any local artists.

5. Open Discussion:

- a. Pete advised that he had been approached by a resident of Poquoson seeking support to block the proposed Legacy of Poquoson development. After discussion, the Board members could not come up with a conservation-based rationale that they considered cogent enough to successfully block or delay the development.

6. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

7. Next Club meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2016, 6:00 PM, Sandy Bottom Park.