

Hampton Roads Bird Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Note: Pete Peterman ran the meeting in the President's absence.

2. ID Challenge: Challenges included a Swainson's Warbler, Least Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, Ovenbird, and a Willet.

3. EXCOM Member Reports:

- a. President: Not present.
- b. Field Trip Coordinator: Jason Strickland advised that the March field trip to will be to the Grandview Nature Preserve on March 11, and the April trip will be to the Great Dismal Swamp (April 15th). Details are in the newsletter.
- a. Hospitality: Jane Frigo advised that the annual picnic will be held June 3. Volunteers are still needed to host the May meeting as well as volunteers to assist with the picnic in June.
- b. Membership: 3 new members attended the meeting.
- c. Newsletter Editor: Tom, as always, is soliciting for articles!
- d. Treasurer: No report.
- e. Publicity: Not present.
- f. Open discussion:
 - i. Bill Boeh advised that the Christmas Bird Count data had been certified by Audubon. The full report can be downloaded from the HRBC website. A brief summary follows:

Total Species: 123
Total Birds: 18,568
Observers In Field: 46; At Feeders: 2
Party Hours and Distance (excludes viewing at feeders)

Means	Hours	Distance
Foot	52.00	37.50 Miles
Car	48.00	321.00 Miles
Boat	2.50	2.50 Miles
 - ii. Bill also advised that the Spring count will take place on Saturday, April 29th. He will send an email to all members to advise of the date and solicit for participants.
- c. Bryan Barmore announced that the 2017 "Bio Blitz" will be held May 20-21 at Newport News Park. Surveys of various taxa, including birds, will be conducted, both day and night. He will send an email to all members to advise of the date and solicit for participants.

4. Guest Speaker: The speaker was Pete Peterman who gave a presentation entitled “Jewels of Ecuador: Hummers, Tanagers, and Antpittas.” The presentation detailed Pete and Charm’s trip to Ecuador from 20 January - 7 February, 2017.
5. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
6. Next Club meeting will be April 13, 2017, 6:30 PM, Sandy Bottom Park.