Hampton Roads Bird Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2023

1. The Executive Committee (EXCOM) met at the President’s residence. Jane Frigo took meeting minutes as the Secretary was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
	1. EXCOM Members and Committee Chairpersons Present:

President - Dr. Shawn T. Dash

Vice President – Mark Sopko

Treasurer - John Adair

Board (7/21-6/24): Katrina Dash

Board (7/23-6/26): Pete Peterman

Newsletter Editor - Tom Charlock

Website Editors - Ellis and Wendy Maxey

Field Trip Coordinator - James Abbott

Hospitality - Jane Frigo

Publicity - Vacant

Leader, Sunday Newport News Walks - Jane Frigo

Compiler, Christmas and Spring Bird Counts - Bill Boeh

Past President: Dave Youker

* 1. EXCOM Members and Committee Chairpersons Absent:

Secretary - Bill Boeh

Board (7/22-6/25): Michael Meyer

Publicity - Vacant

Membership - Gwen Harris

Compiler, Christmas and Spring Bird Counts - Bill Boeh

* 1. A quorum of EXCOM members was in attendance. There were no non-Committee Members in Attendance.
1. Issues for discussion:
	1. The Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Discussion followed with agreement that dues remain the same for this year ($15 single, $20 family) with serious consideration to increase dues next year. Speaker fees set at $600 (3 speakers at $200 each).. Remainder of speakers from club or agencies. Ellis Maxey made motion to accept, seconded by Jane, unanimously approved by board. The Treasurer will present budget for club vote at the September meeting.
	2. Thoughts were presented about possible education and outreach projects—students in need of grants, money for restoration of Deer Run bluebird trail.
	3. The Vice President suggested asking a member to highlight a bird each meeting and present to club. His ideas for speakers for the year were:

Sept—Ft. Wool representative

Oct—Owl’s—Nature’s Nanny

Nov—Bobwhite

Jan—CBC results

Feb—Back Bay Natural History

Mar—New Zealand, James Abbott

Apr—Mark, Galapagos

May—?

* 1. The Field Trip Coordinator presented thoughts for this years field trips. Ideas were:

Sept—Chinciteague Sept 23

Oct—Machicomico Oct 7

Nov—Grandview Nov 11th

Dec—York River Parkway Dec 9

Jan—CBBT Islands 3&4 Jan 13

 Dutch Gap as alternative

Feb—Back Bay Feb 10th

Mar—Hog Island Mar 23

Apr—Dismal Swamp Apr 21

May—Green Springs May11

* 1. The Newsletter Editor reminded all that submissions are due by 25th of August, October, December, February and April.
	2. Webpage update—the Website Editor suggested monthly photo winners be added to the webpage home page.
	3. There was a discussion regarding the draft revision of the by-laws. Possible courses of action were offered, as follows:

1. Continue refining the current draft for EXCOM approval and membership vote.

2. Leave Constitution/Bylaws as they are, but update the Secretary and Treasury portions of the HRBC Responsibilities of Officers (“Per tradition” sections).

3. Cease the effort and retain the documents as they are.

The consensus was to table until next board meeting when the Secretary could present his ideas.

* 1. Discussion of Bluebird Trail at Deer Run: Group decided a ~~surgery~~ survey of the trail and the state of the boxes repairs needed etc. needs to be done. Contact needs made with Master Naturalist, Peninsula chapter, to see their level of involvement, possible cost to repair, workshop possibility with those interested and set up schedule to share responsibilities.
1. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Submitted by: William Boeh, Secretary

Approved by: Shawn Dash, President