

Approved: VMN-HRC Board Meeting, July 8, 2011

**Historic Rivers Chapter – VMN
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2011**

The May General Membership Meeting of the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists was held in the Human Services Building, Multipurpose Room, 5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA. The meeting was called to order by President, Barbara Boyer at 6 p.m.

-Chapter Facebook Page. A committee was formed to study issues and determine guidelines on establishing a chapter Facebook page. Committee volunteers include Shirley Devan, Jeanette Navia, Nancy Norton and Jennifer Trevino. If you are interested in participating on the committee, please contact Shirley Devan.

- Treasurer Report. Thad Hecht, the new Chapter Treasurer, reported that the Chapter was solvent. At the monthly board meetings, he will post the bank statement and report on the wall board for all to review.

-Membership Roster. The latest membership roster has been posted. Please review and contact Shirley Devan if any changes are necessary.

-Basic Training. Over 50 people have expressed an interest in participating in Cohort 6.

-Volunteer Service Projects.

-Kiosk Project. Thanks to all who have participated in the Kiosk project. Anticipated completion date is mid-May.

-Freedom Park Summer Camp is cancelled due to building delays.

-Proposed Bassett Trace Nature Trail project is still under review.

-General public viewing of Doug Tallamy's video is scheduled for 23 June, 7 p.m., at the Williamsburg Library.

-Waller Mill Park Summer Camp is scheduled for 9-12 Aug. Contact Mike Millen for details.

-New Quarter Park Field trip for 120 first-graders went well. Thanks to all who participated.

-New Quarter Park Teaching Trail/Rain Garden work is scheduled for 12 May at 1:30 p.m.

-“Zoo in My Suitcase” has been presented to over 4,000 people. Many thanks to Clyde Marsteller and all the Zoo helpers.

-Bluebird Monitoring Project. Thanks to the many chapter members who are participating in bluebird trail monitoring at York River State Park, New Quarter Park, Fords Colony and Newport News Park.

-Advanced Training. Please see the postings on the website. If you have any ideas for new training opportunities, please contact Gary Driscoll or Adrienne Frank.

-Newsletter. Thanks to Patty Riddick and all who submitted pictures and articles for another fantastic newsletter. Please continue to forward anything you would like included in future newsletters to Patty Riddick.

-Field Trip Coordinators

- Reviewing chapter survey to determine potential sites for future field trips.
- Virginia Museum of Natural History is sponsoring trips in our area.
- Laurie Fox from Virginia Tech offered to provide local trips in our area.
- Reminder: Basic Training trips are open to all members.

Host Committee. In an effort to go green, cloth napkins are now being used for the membership meeting.

Milestone Awards: Janet Crowther, Chris Curtis, and Janet Curtis, all of Cohort V, were recognized for completing the requirements to become Certified Virginia Master Naturalists and received certificates and the Official Virginia Master Naturalist Volunteer Pins. The 250-hour service pins were awarded to Sara Lewis and Lois Ullman; and the 500 –hour service pin was awarded to Les Lawrence. Congratulations to all the recipients!

Program: Keith Tignor, the State Apiarist from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, provided an enlightening presentation on the history of bee keeping in the US, the life-cycle of bees and the current status of the Virginia honey bee population.

Respectfully submitted:

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