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**Historic Rivers Chapter – VMN
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2011**

The June 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. Members are encouraged to forward any comments or concerns on establishing a Chapter Facebook Page to Shirley Devan. Coordination has been made with other chapters; 8 currently have Facebook pages. Also, Michelle Prysby is considering establishing a state-wide Virginia Master Naturalist Facebook page. The committee plans on presenting their findings to the membership at the Sep 14, 2011 General Membership Meeting.

-Junior Master Naturalists. Dean Shostak is interested in establishing a Junior Master Naturalist program for youth in our area. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Dean.

-Summer Picnic. The HRC 2011 Summer Picnic/crab feast will be on 23 July at Ft. Pocahontas in Charles City County, Virginia.

-Membership Chair Awards. Milestone awards were given to Dave Youker (250-hours) and Felice Bond (1,000 hours). Congratulations to Dave and Felice!

-Basic Training. The basic training schedule will be included in the July newsletter.

-Frog Count Route for James City/York County (10 stops). Please contact Felice Bond if you are interested in taking the lead on this route.

-Kiosk Project. Work is continuing on the kiosk data base. The public grand opening of the Freedom Park Visitor Center is scheduled for August.

-Advanced Training. Check the Chapter website and the newsletter for advanced training opportunities.

-Newsletter. Please continue to forward articles and pictures for the newsletter to Patty Riddick. Many thanks to Patty for another wonderful newsletter.

-Fieldtrip. A trip is planned for June 29, 2011 on the VIMS "Science Under Sail" program on the MV Alliance out of Yorktown, VA. The program will include a guest speaker on sea turtles. Anticipated cost is \$30 per person. Please contact Les Lawrence or Dean Shostak if you are interested in participating.

Program: Ted Sargent, Katherine Short and Patty Maloney presented an exceptional program on Meaningful Watershed Education Experience (MWEE). MWEE was established to ensure all students in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed had a valuable hands-on watershed education experience before they graduate from high school. The students participate in background research, hands-on training and reflection periods appropriate to their age/grade levels. Ted provided an overview of the MWEE training offered to VMN as well as VA state employees; Katherine demonstrated the Enviroscape training tool to show the impact pollution from all walks of life have on the watershed; and Patty brought in preserved as well as live macro invertebrates and explained how they are indicators of water quality.

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Maloney, Co-Secretary