

**Historic Rivers Chapter – VMN  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2012**

The February 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.

Treasurer Report: Thad Hecht reported recent expenditures were processed for the December Party, the Chapter Photo Exhibit and the Nature Camp scholarship. Reminder to the members: annual dues of \$25.00 are now due.

Nominating Committee: Nominees have been identified for each board/committee position and will be voted on by the membership at the March General Membership meeting. Thank you to those that have volunteered. If anyone else is interested in serving, please contact Shirley Devan. Nominees are:

**Officers**

President: Patty Maloney  
Vice President, Programs: Kathi Mestayer  
Co-Secretary: Jan Lockwood  
Co-Secretary: Ruth Gordon  
Treasurer: Thad Hecht  
Member-at-Large: Nancy Norton  
Member-at-Large: Dean Shostak  
Member-at-Large: Hart Haynes

**Committee Chairs:**

Historian: Felice Bond  
Publicity and Outreach: Shirley Devan  
Co-Chairs, Basic Training: Jennifer Trevino and Sharon Plocher  
Membership: Susan Powell  
Volunteer Service Projects: Lois Ullman  
Advanced Training: Adrienne Frank and Gary Driscoll  
Programs: Kathi Mestayer  
Newsletter: Patty Riddick  
Host: Janet Curtis  
Field Trips: Les Lawrence

Volunteer Service Projects: Check the chapter website for a full list of upcoming volunteer service activities.

- JCC Recreation Expo, 25 Feb from 9-12 p.m. Volunteers needed to man our Chapter's booth and to assist with Clyde's Zoo.

- NQP Cabin Fever, 24 Mar, 12-300 p.m. Volunteers needed to man our Chapter's booth
- Great Backyard Bird Count, 17-20 Feb. Members are encouraged to participate in the count at York River State Park each day at 1 p.m.

Advanced Training. Check the Chapter's website for a full list of advanced training opportunities.

- VMS Habitat Restoration Conference, 6 Mar, 815-400 p.m.
- Walk in the Forest, New Kent Forestry Center, 17 Mar.

#### Field Trips

- Geology Field Trip, 28-29 Apr. Overnight bus trip to the western part of the state with Jerre Johnson. Contact Les Lawrence and Dean Shostak if you are interested.
- Owl Prowl, 3 Mar at the Norfolk Botanical Garden.

#### Host Committee:

- Cohort VI Graduation Party scheduled for the 14 March General Membership Meeting. Look for an evite in the near future.

#### Program:

Jackie Shannon from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, provided an exceptional talk on oyster restoration, "Oysters 101". She outlined the importance of bringing the oyster reefs back into the bay to support the filtration and water quality. She also went in to detail on the successes being seen at some of the local river locations. Jackie thanked the many Chapter members who work with her at the VMS site building recycling oyster shells and building reef balls.

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Maloney, Co-Secretary