

**Historic Rivers Chapter - VMN
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 11, 2012**

The July General Membership Meeting of the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists was called to order by Patty Maloney at 6:06 p.m. The meeting was held in the Human Services Building, Multipurpose Room, 5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA.

Reports and updates were made on several items discussed at the May 2, 2012 Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Thad Hecht has received a letter of appreciation from the Virginia Living Museum acknowledging the Chapter's donation of \$250 to assist with the Museum's flood relief. Copies of the letter will be deposited with the Chapter's Historian, Felice Bond, and in the Secretary's file.
2. The Training Committee is being reimbursed for materials purchased for Cohort VII training.

Basic Training: Acknowledgements and receipts have been sent to the 20 applicants for the Cohort VII training program. An informational meeting for the Cohort will be held on August 14 at the Williamsburg Library.

Membership: Susan Powell (Absent)

Volunteer Service Projects: Patty Maloney explained that Lois Ullman was unable to attend the meeting, but had earlier distributed an email from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation seeking assistance during the 2012 Natural Areas Conference to be held in Norfolk, October 9-12, 2012. Members who are interested in volunteering should contact Darren.Loomis@dcv.virginia.gov.

Host: Janet Curtis and Ted Sargent reviewed plans for the Chapter's Picnic on Saturday, September 22, at Fort Pocahontas and Sherwood Forest Plantation:

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| 7:00-9:00 a.m. - | Bird Walk at Fort Pocahontas, followed by Breakfast for the participants; |
| 10:00-11:00 a.m. - | Explore grounds at Fort Pocahontas, rest, or drive 2 miles to Sherwood Forest Plantation; |
| 11:00-12:30 p.m. - | Tree and plant identification study and quiz at Sherwood Forest Plantation; |
| 1:00 p.m. - | Lunch at Sherwood Forest Plantation - Bring your own; |
| 2:00-5:00 p.m. - | Scenic motorboat cruises, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing on the James River - Bring your own boats, canoes, kayaks, or share; |
| 5:00-6:30 p.m. - | Dinner at Sherwood Forest - Steamed crabs, steamed oysters, hot dogs, hamburgers provided; Members requested to bring a side dish to share; |
| 7:00 p.m. - | Clean up; |
| 8:00 p.m. - | Frog Walk; |
| 9:00 p.m. - | Owl Prowl; |
| 10:00 p.m. - | Bonfire or Stargazing. |

A group will be organized to clean up Fort Pocahontas on Friday, September 21, time TBD.

Ted reported that the Tyler family is generously allowing HRC-VMN to use the 4,000 acre Plantation free of charge. He plans to present Mr. Tyler with a thank you gift carved from wood felled by Hurricane Irene.

Members were asked to hold the date. An official invitation will be sent later.

Advanced Training: Adrienne and Gary (absent). Shirley Devan announced that a program celebrating National Moth Week will be held at New Quarter Park on Saturday, July 14, 8:30-10:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by Virginia Master Naturalists and New Quarter Park. Master Naturalists will set up black light stations with white sheets to attract moths which attendees may identify and photograph. Teta Kain will introduce the event.

Outreach/Publicity: Shirley Devan reported that the Chapter's Basic Training program has been publicized in the newspaper and through flyers. Five places are still available and members were encouraged to tell friends and neighbors about the program and the openings.

Meeting Schedule: Neither the Board Meeting nor the General Membership Meeting will be held in August.

Break : 6:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

Program:

Patty Riddick and Clyde Marsteller gave an overview of the VDGIF permits that the Chapter has obtained: 1) to Salvage Wildlife (dead organisms); 2) to Collect/Perform Scientific Research (live organisms); and 3) to Exhibit Wild Animals. Permits are not required when activities are limited to collecting and recording data without disturbing habitat, collecting organisms for personal use as a home collection, or dealing with defined nuisance species.

These permits do not allow members to collect, possess, or transport any federal or state endangered and threatened species, or to collect or possess any migratory bird or bird parts (feathers, eggs, nests, etc.)

The Chapter's primary permit holder is Mary Apperson. Board Members are Sub Permittees. Non Board Members who wish to be Sub Permittees should contact Patty Riddick. Patty will report annually to VDGIF on Salvage permit usage and Clyde Marsteller will report annually to VDGIF on Collection and Exhibit permit usage.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Lockwood, Co-Recording Secretary