

**Historic Rivers Chapter - VMN  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

The December General Membership Meeting of the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists was called to order by Patty Maloney at 6:12 p.m. The meeting was held in the Auditorium and Multipurpose Room of the Human Services Building, 5249 Olde Towne Road, Williamsburg, VA.

Items discussed at the December 5, 2012 Board meeting were reported/updated for the information of members.

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues in the amount of \$25.00 are payable in January.

Programs – Kathi Mestayer

1. January 9, 2013 - Linda Morse, Director of Introductory Laboratories and Outreach Programs at the College of William and Mary, “Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils”
2. February 13, 2012 - TBD
3. March 13, 2014 - Cohort VII Graduation. Speaker TBD.
4. April 10, 2013 - Matthias Leu, conservation biologist at the College of William & Mary, “Tick Talk”

Treasurer’s Report – Thad Hecht

1. Funds donated to date for the Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship total \$3,630.00. The Board intends to award a minimum of one Scholarship annually. An acknowledgement card that HRC-VMN is sending to donors was circulated. A letter of appreciation for this recognition of Nancy has been received from Nancy’s family.

Membership Awards – Susan Powell

1. Certification and Milestone Awards were presented:
  - a. 2012 Certifications – Deb Woodward, Sherry Brubaker, Jessica Eber, Pam Camblin
  - b. Milestone 250 Hours – Mike Millin, Thad Hecht
  - c. Milestone 500 Hours – Christina Woodson, Adrienne Frank
2. Members were reminded to record hours on the Volunteer Management System before January 5, 2013 for inclusion in the 2012 HRC Annual Report.

Volunteer Service Projects

1. Beginning on Monday, January 14, 2013, the weekly focus of Friday Frolics will be to maintain the Native Plant Garden at York River State Park. Time: Mondays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Optional Wildlife Mapping of designated areas in the park will follow from 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Review of 2012 HRC Photo Contest

1. Ted Sargent commended the members who participated in the Chapter’s annual photo contest on the exceptional quality of their photographs. He presented a slide show of all entries in both the professionally and member judged categories.

### Presentation

In recognition of and appreciation for his work in organizing the Chapter's most enjoyable Annual Picnic at Fort Pocahontas and Sherwood Forest Plantation, Ted Sargent was given a bag of gifts.

Patty Maloney will ensure that a thank you letter is sent to the Tyler family for graciously providing the picnic site to the Chapter free of charge.

### End of Year Celebration

Shirley Devan read *Lester and Clyde* by James Reese about two frogs, Lester, a Southern Leopard frog (played by Les Lawrence) and Clyde, an American Bullfrog (played by Clyde Marsteller). Several party games and charades were played, after which Tom Dougherty screened his highly acclaimed video *Historic Rivers Chapter 2012 Year in Review*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the Multipurpose Room to celebrate the Chapter's year with food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Lockwood, Co-Recording Secretary