

## VMN-HRC General Membership Meeting

### Minutes

Wednesday, 11 March, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President Shirley Devan. It was held in the Community Room at the James City County Library, Croaker Rd, James City County.

Shirley welcomed all and gave an overview of the evening before proceeding to the first order of business, conducting elections. She read aloud those board members who will remain for the second year of their board terms as well as the slate of officers which was distributed to the membership several weeks ago. She also thanked the nominating committee and retiring board members and then requested any nominations from the floor. There being none, it was moved and seconded that the proffered slate be adopted, and the slate was approved with no nay votes or abstentions.

The following officers were thereby elected to assume their duties immediately:

Basic Training Co-Chairs:	Sharon Plocher and Jennifer Trevino
Continuing Education:	Adrienne Frank and Gary Driscole
Field Trips Chair:	Sherry Brubaker
Historian:	Cheryl Jacobson
Co-Hosts:	Joe Beene, Barb Bucklin, Maud Ann Wilson
Members-at-Large:	Paul Cuomo, Ruth and Deane Gordon, Susan Powell
Newsletter Editor:	Doug Dwoyer
Treasurer:	Deb Woodward

Officers continuing in their positions are Shirley Devan (President), Linda Morse (Vice President and Program Chair), Nancy Barnhart and Ginny Carey (Co-Secretaries), Les Lawrence and Clyde Marsteller (Members-at-Large), Judy Jones (Publicity and Outreach), Mike Woodward (Membership), and Jan Lockwood (Volunteer Service Projects)

Next Shirley introduced our Chapter Advisor, Mary Apperson, whose has been with us for most of the last decade, and thanked her for her service. She also thanked Sherry Brubaker for hosting the evening and Judy Jones for serving as photographer.

Patty Maloney, Past President, gave an update on the regional conference she has been helping to plan. The date has been set as August 30, at the Wakefield 4-H Center. We are part of the Southeast region (there being four regions in VA).

Roger Gosden then introduced our speaker for the evening, Dr. Evan Davies, a William and Mary Faculty member and Program Chair for the Colonial Beekeepers Association. His topic, "The Life of Bees," covered the history of honey bees in North American,

interesting bee facts, problems facing bees, and what master naturalists can do to help. He spoke for about an hour and the talk was followed by enthusiastic applause and a lively Q&A session.

Roger then moved to the primary focus of the evening, the graduation ceremony for Cohort IX. He began with an overview of our chapter and also the training program since there were many guests in attendance. He also thanked (1) family and friends for their support of the graduates; (2) all the program presenters; (3) the Board for their support; (4) Sherry and Judy for their important roles in making the evening a celebration; and (5) the Cohort IX training committee which he chaired.

Graduates (list appended) were then introduced in alphabetical order and they processed through the training committee receiving line, acquiring their course completion diplomas and graduation gifts. The Cohort IX class gift is a donation (still being collected) which will be split between the HRC general fund and the Nancy Norton scholarship fund.

Mike Woodward (Membership) then recognized the six Cohort IX members who have already completed the 40 volunteer and 8 continuing education hours necessary for full certification.

Next, Mike made several milestone awards: Lucy Manning (250 hours), Barbara Dunbar (500 hours), Angier Brock (500 hours), and Lois Ullman (1,000 hours).

Mike also announced the 57 current members who have recertified this year and noted the Cohort VIII members who met recertification requirements even though they did not need to do so until next cycle.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for picture taking and feasting!

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Carey, Co-Secretary