

VMN-HRC General Membership Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

The meeting was held in the Kitzinger Room at the James City County Library, Norge, Va. Judy Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Judy introduced Carter Thrash, a 6th grade student at Carter Middle School. Carter was sick and couldn't attend the introduction of the other Nancy Norton Scholarship winners at the last meeting. Judy announced that the HRC clothing that was ordered is here for pick up. Also, the VMN/ HRC Logo magnets here and are for sale for five dollars.

Judy introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Shawn Dash, Assistant Professor of Biology at Hampton University. His presentation was *Fifty Shades of Pollination*. Shawn's presentation revealed the importance of pollinators to include the fact that 35% of global food production depends on insect pollination. He reviewed pollinator agents which include insects, birds, and bats. He then explained many of the symbiotic relationships between specific animal species and plants. After answering questions, Judy thanked Shawn and we recessed for refreshments.

After the break Judy again announced the sale of magnets. She congratulated Adrienne Frank for her excellent butterfly presentation on 2 June. Adrienne will present this same program at Freedom Park on 18 June at 10 a.m.

Ted Sargent explained the new photo categories that can be submitted for the state photo contest. They include Virginia Habitat and a VMN member(s) in action. Ted will send out and email explaining the details.

Maud Ann Wilson asked for 2 to 4 volunteers to help set up for the photo reception at Williamsburg Library. The HRC photographs are being displayed from 19 July to 31 August. The reception is on 21 August.

Judy announced that there is no July meetings. There is an August board meeting and there may be a seminar on 10 August at 6 p.m. to review how to use eBird. The VMN Conference will be held on 26-28 August at Smith Mountain Lake. Registration begins on 20 July.

Renee Dallman announced these HRC volunteer milestones:

77,774 hours since the beginning

5,787 since Jan. 1, 2016

1,147 since May 1, 2016

One new certification, Patsy Carlson, Cohort X

Nancy Barnhart introduced a project being promoted by Kathy Cross. The project includes gathering donations of native plants for several garden sites.

Jennifer Trevino, Sharon Plocher and the basic training committee continue to plan for Cohort XI. The member package is available online at historicrivers.org. There is a new requirement for three written references. Shirley has basic training fliers for members to take and post in appropriate places.

Sara Lewis reminded everyone of the Blacklight and Bugs program on 27 July at New Quarter Park. The program will be hosted by Teta Kain plus Seig and Alice Kopinitz.

Barbara Bucklin and Maud Ann concluded the meeting with the raffle. These were the winners:

T- Shirt	Lisa Nickel
Framed Goldfinch	Anne Marie Castellani
<i>Wild Ones</i> book	Ted Sargent
Framed Owl	Ruth Gordon
Puzzle	Joni Carlson

Judy thanked everyone and dismissed the meeting at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Deane Gordon, Co-Recording Secretary