

VMN-HRC General Membership Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, 11 November, 2015

The meeting, held in the Kitzinger room at the James City County Library, on Croaker Rd. in Norge, was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by President, Shirley Devan.

Shirley welcomed everyone and called on Linda Morse, Vice President/Programs, to introduce our speakers for the evening.

Our presentation, "Snakes Alive" was provided by Susan Watson, a terrestrial wildlife biologist, and herpetologist Larry Mendoza from the VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries. Their slide program featured the 32 snakes most common to the state of Virginia, organized by venomous and non-venomous categories, and provided identification, habitat, and interesting population protection information. A lively Q&A session followed. They also brought with them a great array of helpful printed materials and several live specimens, with whom we were allowed to interact, out of cages, under their close supervision. The program lasted about an hour and a half.

During our snack break, Ted Sargent invited us to vote for our favorite member photos from the fall picnic. Winners were George Reiske, Judy Jones, and Jeanette Navia

After our snack break, Ted projected the winners of the professionally judged photo competition for this year. There were 170 photos submitted and the winners and honorable mentions for our three categories were announced:

FAUNA:

1st: George Reiske; 2nd: Shirley Devan; 3rd: Jeannette Navia
HM: Cheryl Jacobson, Judy Jones, Sonny Bowers

FLORA:

1st: Hart Haynes; 2nd: Sonny Bowers; 3rd: Sonny Bowers
HM: Angier Brock, Stephanie Schmuck, Sonny Bowers

WATER:

1st: Hart Haynes; 2nd: George Reiske; 3rd: Angier Brock
HM: Sonny Bowers, Sara Lewis, George Reiske

Shirley then (1) cited Veteran's Day, (2) thanked Ted and the Cundari family for our fall picnic, and (3) congratulated Jan Lockwood and Lois Ullman for being awarded the Barbara Chambers Memorial County Coordinator citation from the Virginia Bluebird Society. This award will be officially presented at the state Bluebird Society conference.

Shirley also noted that one of our HRC members has had art work chosen for this year's re-certification pin, but that the official announcement has not yet been made.

Mike Woodward, Membership, noted that Susan Engle has achieved the 500 hour milestone, and Ginny Broome is the first member of Cohort IX to reach the 250 hour milestone.

The Hospitality team highlighted our December 3 Holiday party and offered the first "napkin" tickets for \$5.00 per person donation. Basic Training instructors will be invited as well as all members and their guests.

Judy Jones announced that the Nancy Norton Scholarship application is now available and Joanne Sheffield announced that Judy Jones has been named "Volunteer of the Year" for the Williamsburg Botanical Garden.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Carey, Co-Secretary