Hampton Roads Bird Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020

1. The meeting was held on Zoom and called to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Bird sightings: Mississippi Kites at Kiptopeake (Pete Peterman); Baltimore Oriole (Rochelle Colestock); Barred Owl heard (first yard bird); Leucistic Grackle; many shorebirds coming through at Craney (Dave Youker); Glossy Ibis (Ellis Maxey); Nashville Warbler (Harry Colestock)
3. ID Challenge: American Redstart; Yellow Warbler;
4. Reports:
	1. President: the meeting was recorded and will be posted on YouTube.
	2. Monthly photo contest. Send photos to Shawn by the Tuesday prior to each month’s meeting. Photos will be collected, posted on Facebook for voting, and the winning member each month set will have their photos shared in the newsletter and meeting
	3. Membership: New member, Kathy Rector
	4. Hospitality: Nothing to report.
	5. Newsletter: Next edition will have interview description of Jane Frigo’s yard, which has many native plants attractive to birds and other wildlife. Apprecitive of the Maxey’s nice article this month regarding the seabirds nesting on Fort Wool.
	6. Treasurer:
		1. You may now pay your dues via the HRBC website (button at the bottom right of the home page), drop off at Wild Wings or Wild Birds Unlimited, or mail your check to John (details are available at the website).
		2. Budget: Solid bank balance of $7995.00. Only income this year will be dues or donations, since we will not be able to conduct a raffle, sell patches, etc. Total estimated income and expenses for the year both total $1,350. The $500 education fund was awarded to the Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas as this was the final year of the VBBA effort and funds were needed to execute the post-survey analysis of data collected.
		3. Approval of the proposed budget was put to a vote by the membership; the budget was approved as presented.
	7. Publicity: Nothing to report.
	8. Website: Dues payment button added to the website.
	9. Field Trip Coordinator: Harry Colestock advised that the next two trips are:
		1. Sept 19: Hog Island; up to 14 may attend. A small entry fee is required. All must follow COVID-19 protocols (masks, social distance). Sign up by emailing or texting Harry Colestock (details are in the newsletter).
		2. Oct 17: Eastern Shore. All must follow COVID-19 protocols (masks, social distance).
5. Open Discussion:
	1. Dave Singletary advised that he will have rain barrels available (assembled by the Boy Scouts). Email Dave at David.singletary@gmail.com if you are interested in getting one ($10 donation requested).
6. Speaker’s Notes: Foraging Habits of Migrating Songbirds, by Chance Hines. Chance is a research biologist for the Center for Conservation Biology (CCB). Chance has been working with CCB since 2014. His current role places him in charge of monitoring Red-cockaded Woodpecker populations at Piney Grove Preserve and the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. He also gets a chance to study his beloved passerines while researching wintering Ipswich sparrows along the Atlantic coast. His graduate work at Old Dominion University focused on fall migratory songbird ecology. His talk will cover his research on migrating songbirds and what they eat to fuel their long journeys.
7. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.