

## **Minutes for February 6, 2005 Meeting**

The BCV convention is coming up on April 9-10 in Fredericksburg. The club will have a table at the connected Bird Mart. John Long will be working on getting a raffle item for the convention. Carol Rees will be coordinating volunteers for the club table.

The January meeting minutes, published in the February newsletter, were accepted as is.

The club voted to donate \$300 to the Amigos de las Aves USA. This organization is working to reintroduce the Scarlet Macaw and the Great Green (Buffon's) Macaw back into Costa Rica.

John Long briefly talked about a proposed bill that was before Richmond that would have required all breeders of animals such as dogs, cats, and birds (including those who foster them) to be licensed. It also stipulated that all animals sold must be either spayed or neutered. Because of massive complaints it was pulled the next day.

New members will be listed in the upcoming newsletter.

A raffle was held for several bird toys.

Elizabeth Moore will get a card to send to John Davey expressing the club's condolences on the death of his two parrots.

Tom Marshall brought two of his Caiques – Mango, a White Bellied Caique, and Hokie, a Black Headed Caique, to the meeting for his talk on the Caique Parrot. He first had a slide show and then talked about how friendly and comical these little clowns can be. Mango and Hokie both showed off for the attendees.