

Minutes for January 2, 2005 NCBC Meeting

Several new members joined at the January 2nd meeting. It is encouraging that the club has recently added some new members. Jeanne Nathanson will be the new Publicity Chairperson and will be spearheading a new membership drive. February is the last month that 2004 members will receive the newsletter unless they renew their membership.

The food brought to the meeting was impressive. We appreciate Elizabeth Moore, the Hospitality Chairperson, bringing and setting up the coffee at every meeting, as well as all of the wonderful snacks and desserts that attendees bring to the meetings.

Before the meeting, Suzie Buck dropped off a large number of bird magazines for the club to sell and a bird toy to raffle off. Selling used bird magazines at the bird marts is one of our fundraising efforts, and we raised \$30 at the December 5th Bird Mart.

The club will have another bake sale at the January 30th Bird Mart and members will get in free if they bring bake sale items to the club table before 10 am that day. At the December 5th, 2004 Bird Mart the club made \$121.75 on the bake sale.

Tom Marshall will be organizing a group to go together to see the premiere of the feature film, "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill", on March 11, 2005. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact him by email tmarshall@cbmove.com or by phone (703) 777-3252.

There is a possible interest by members in eco-tours. This will be investigated further.

Kitty Miller, the Vice-President, outlined possible future speaker topics such as bird toymaking, wing clipping, etc. Attendees present indicated they were interested in those topics. Carol Rees will send Kitty Miller info on those new members/renewals who expressed interest in being a speaker.

Kitty Miller also is interested in getting together a list of people who are willing to birdsit for others in the club and who need birdsitting services. If you are interested, please let her know by email kittibel@hotmail.com or phone (703) 914-1050.

There was a raffle held for various bird toys.

Miki Spatzak gave a PowerPoint presentation on Amazons. She is a long time breeder (over 25 years) of Amazons, Parrolets, and other parrots. She and her husband brought along one of their pet Amazons named Oscar, who was a big hit at the meeting. Her presentation covered the temperaments of the various Amazons subspecies as well as tips on breeding, handfeeding, and socialization.

Miki Sparzak is also is a judge at parrot shows and will come back later in the year at another meeting to judge our birds. Before the judging, she will send Carol Rees info on what standards the birds will be judged for and these will be published in the newsletter.