

Minutes for July 10, 2005, Meeting

John Long requested that suggestions for speakers for next year's BCV convention be submitted no later than the 2nd Saturday in August.

Eric Peake will be speaking at the Peninsula Club's October meeting in Hampton, VA.

The club gives out a big thank you to Kitty Miller and Sally O'Dwyer for organizing and putting on the club's annual picnic in June.

Sharon Tyykila has stage 4 cancer and is now in the Arlington hospice. Her sister will soon be looking for homes for Sharon's lovely birds.

Mark Sargent, a long time breeder of Pionus Parrots, spoke on the Pionus Parrot. He answered general questions and presented a slide show on Pionus. Mark also talked about the Plum Crowned Pionus Consortium, which he along with three other Pionus breeders has formed in order to save this subspecies in aviculture. This bird is not endangered. However, they cannot be imported into this country, so the few adult Plum Crowned Pionus remaining are our only chance to perpetuate these birds here. So far, the consortium is not having very good luck with the chicks. They are trying everything possible to raise healthy young birds.