

Minutes for March 6th, 2005 Meeting

The topic for the April 3rd meeting will be bird clipping and members are encouraged to bring their birds to the meeting to have their wings clipped and toenails trimmed. Demonstrations will be given of how to clip and each bird and each owner will be shown how to do it. If you can, please bring a towel to the meeting if your bird is to be clipped. Only birds that have been checked by a veterinarian within 1 year and are in good health should be brought to club meetings.

Kitty Miller talked about possible speakers for future meetings. There is an interest in avian first aid. That will be a topic for a future meeting and hopefully we can get a veterinarian to give a talk on it.

The minutes of the February 6th meeting were accepted.

Kitty Miller has offered to host the June picnic at her house. Carol Rees, Sally O'Dwyer, and Kitty Miller will handle organizing the picnic.

Tom Marshall donated a signed book as the raffle item for the club for the BCV Convention. The club will have a table there and will hand out brochures and sell tickets for the raffle item.

John Long needs assistance in picking up BCV speakers from the airport at Dulles on Friday afternoon and also giving them a ride back to the airport on Sunday afternoon. Elizabeth Moore volunteered to pick up Dr. Susan Clubb and also drive her back to the airport for her return flight on Sunday evening. John Long will be picking up various speakers at the airport and driving them to the convention.

The BCV is running a competition for pictures for a BCV calendar. The winner gets a free calendar and admission to next year's BCV convention. Erik Peake will do a picture for the front cover. Contest rules will be coming out shortly.

Five bird toys were raffled at the meeting.

Instead of watching "Wings of Migration," the club instead showed two DVDs that Carol Rees brought to the meeting. The first, "Parrots in the Wild" by Parrots International, was shown halfway through until the DVD had a problem. There is no narration in this film and it is various clips of endangered parrot breeds in the wild. While there was some good footage, at \$55 it is overpriced and definitely needs narration.

The next DVD, "Where the Wild Greys Are," was a quality production put out by The World Parrot Trust and available for \$20 including shipping. It showed African Greys feeding and gathering before being captured by poachers to be sold in the pet trade to Europe and Asia. It is somewhat disturbing to watch but The World Parrot Trust is trying to raise awareness of the brutality involved in capturing parrots in the wild for the pet trade. All proceeds from the sale of the DVD goes to their dedicated fund for African Grey Parrots. Currently the fund is paying guards to protect the birds that gather at mud waterholes from poachers.