

Minutes for November 13, 2005 Meeting

There was a mix-up about the date for the meeting in November. Because of the election this year the meeting room was not available for November 6th, which is the 1st Sunday in November. Apparently an attempt was made to schedule the meeting for November 13th but that date was already booked so the meeting date for November was scheduled for the 12th which was a Saturday.

After I sent out the newsletter the date being on a Saturday was brought to my attention. Unfortunately, I erroneously assumed that I had made a mistake in the meeting date which had not been caught until this time. I deeply regret the confusion and measures have been taken to make sure that an error on this magnitude does not again occur.

For those people who did show up on Saturday, the room was apparently being used by someone else, which led to ever more confusion since it seems that it was double booked on that date. We did hold a meeting on Sunday, November 13. Apparently they had also double booked the room for that day also and when we arrived there was a third party wanting the room. We were able to hold the meeting starting at 4:10pm after waiting to get into the room.

Since there was not a speaker for the meeting, a business meeting was held, which was very productive.

John Long announced that the December 4th Bird Mart will be the last one at the Westpark Best Western Hotel at Tyson's Corner. Because of the mess involved with the birds, they are unwilling to continue hosting the marts. He has not found another location at this time that is willing to host the bird marts other than Fredericksburg, Virginia so this may be the last bird mart in the Northern Virginia area for a while unless other accommodations can be found.

Sally O'Dwyer made a motion which was voted on and accepted for the club to spend \$25/year to get the American Association of Veterinarians (AAV) newsletter, which contains information that can be included in the newsletter.

The Atlantic Association of Avian Veterinarians is having their convention in Williamsburg at the same time in March/April 2006 as the Bird Clubs of Virginia (BVC) convention.

Both Featherheads and Birdsafe.com have offered a discount to bird club members for purchases at their stores and also to donate a proportion of those club member sales to the club. The details of this will be announced in the January newsletter.