

NCBC September 11, 2005 Minutes

Dr. Rose Fiskett was the speaker for the September 11th meeting. She is a board certified avian veterinarian at the Potomac Valley Veterinary Hospital in Fairfax, Virginia.

Next month election nominations need to be submitted. Elections for the next 2 year term will be held at the December meeting. All offices are up for election (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 AFA Delegates, 2 BCV Delegates).

Next year's Bird Club of Virginia (BCV) Convention will be held on March 31st, 2006 in Williamsburg, VA. There will be a tour of Williamsburg available for attendees of the convention. Club members will vote at October's meeting on the recipient of the Yearly Club Achievement Award.

It was voted to renew our membership in the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) at the \$100 level.

John Long informed us of the Hurricane Disaster efforts by the AFA and the Blue Ridge Veterinary Clinic. The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) has a disaster fund for immediate disaster needs. You can donate to it to assist in the needs of pet birds from Hurricane Katrina. This is not for their long term needs but for immediate disaster assistance. The Blue Ridge Veterinary Clinic is accepting donations of pet items for disaster aid for Hurricane Katrina.

Debbie Arbogast told us about a woman named Donna Powell, who lives in Baton Rouge, runs 911ParrotAlert.com, and has gone down on her own to New Orleans and rescued a number of birds. She is legit and Birdsafe.com offered to give a 25% discount to purchases that are shipped directly to her.

Dr. Fiskett talked about bird safety in the automobile, in airplanes, and at home. She talked about proper diet and cleanliness of water bottles, dishes, and cages. There are many dangerous substances in the home that can be hazards to birds that are allowed to fly freely all over the house. The members in attendance had lots of comments and questions. Dr. Fiskett graciously answered everyone, even though the meeting ran far longer than usual.