**Old Rag Master Naturalists Membership Meeting**

**February 11, 2019**

**Call to Order :**

Vice-President Connie Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Confirm presence of Quorum**

33 members were present

**Agenda and Minutes Approval**

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the November meeting were approved.

**Officers’ Reports:**

1. Vice President

Connie Chamberlain reported that chairs are needed for the Continuing Education Committee and the Membership Committee. She thanked Dan Beisner and Roberta Jalbert for their service as chairs of these committees.

1. Treasurer: David Cooper gave the treasurer’s report, which was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Nominating Committee—Bruce Bowman announced that there are three positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting in June. In addition to Bruce, members of the nominating committee are Dier.dre Clare, Dee Dee Lyon, and Don Hearl
2. Education Committee—Bill Birkhofer reported on the work of the Basic Training Committee and said a chair is needed for this next year. Bonnie Beers and Jeff Smith will help with this. Bill reported that the committee has been very active this past year with training for Class (IX?) He thanked the people who have helped with the classes.

Bill announced that there is a need for a more integrated approach for class recruitment.

1. Projects Committee—Kathleen Auquin reported for Carolyn Smith that the projects list and the list of partner organizations have been updated on the website.

**New Business**

Pat Temples and members of the Montpelier Cadre made a presentation to Sandy Mudrinich, who has retired as director of the education programs at Montpelier.

Bonnie Beers reported on the Rappahannock County ark project. The next work sessions pulling invasives will take place the second Saturday in March and the first Saturday in April. Volunteers are welcome!

Dan Beisner, chair of the Continuing Education Committee, presented a gift to Pat and Roger Temples for their presentation on bluebirds last year.

Dera Cooper talked about the importance of reporting volunteer hours correctly. She said VMN wants more specific information about some of the projects, i.e. the number of bluebird boxes on the trails, acreage, etc. She also said members should make sure their email addresses in the VMN database are up to date.

Marcia Cowan distributed certificates and milestone awards.

Barry Buschow announced the dates for the next SCBI tour, which will take place on March 14 and provided a sign-up sheet for those interested.

He also announced that he wold be giving a presentation on the pollinator project.

Jack Price announced that there are a number of Shenandoah National Park events coming up, and details are on the SNP website. The Byrd Visitor Center has a new director, and the park needs volunteers.

**Continuing Education Program**

Dierdre Clark introduced Bert and Eleanor Harris of the Clifton Institute who gave a very interesting presentation about the Clifton Institute near Warrenton.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

**Next Membership Meeting: April 8, 2019 , VFW Hall, Culpepe**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Grace Cangialosi, Assistant Secretary**