

**Minutes of the Sussex Bird Club**  
**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**The meeting was called to order at Cadbury by President Bill Fintel. There were approximately 125 people (SBC members and residents of Cadbury) in attendance.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The treasurer's report was given by Lou Archdeacon:
- Opening balance of \$1,246.19. There were 22 single memberships and 14 family memberships paid, and a donation of \$10.00. After newsletter expenses there is a closing balance of \$1,640.39.

**Field Trips:**

- The field trip to Conowingo Dam for Eagles was very successful
- There is an up-coming field trip on February 20<sup>th</sup> to Ocean City and Indian River Inlets. Check the website for details.

**Today's Program:** Jean Shaw introduced today's speaker Kevin Fleming, who talked about his most recent book; Wild Delaware and gave a preview of his upcoming book; Wild Delmarva. Kevin has spent most of his life living in Delaware except for 10 years when he traveled the world as a National Geographic Photographer. Kevin's incredible photography earned him the title of America's Best Observer by Reader's Digest magazine. After leaving national Geographic, Kevin focused on publishing his photography in his own books, the most recent being Wild Delaware, the focus of today's presentation.

Kevin's presentation was filled with spectacular photos from Wild Delaware, including incredible shots of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, flowers and beautiful scenery all taken in Delaware. Kevin does most of his work in the early morning and late evening hours around sunrise and sunset, when the lighting is most perfect for photography and wildlife is most active. Kevin uses a number of lenses for his photography, with a 15 pound 600MM lens used most frequently to capture wildlife, but stressed the importance of being close to his subjects regardless of the lens being used. Kevin's presentation was filled with interesting bits of information about the various birds and animals in his photographs, helpful photography hints, and humorous anecdotes about his work in the field. Kevin's last photos covered some of the work that will be in his next book, Wild Delmarva. To view Kevin's work including photographs and other books, check out <http://www.kevinfleming.com/>. Thanks to Kevin for sharing his wonderful photography!

Respectfully submitted, Bob Edelen