

Minutes of the Sussex Bird Club
Sunday, January 9th, 2011

President Bill Fintel opened the meeting with general announcements:

- Thanks to everyone who came out in the snow for the meeting!
- A sign-up sheet was circulated for refreshments
- Field trip schedules are available on the SBC Website or in the Newspaper
- A checklist of Birds of Prime Hook is now available

Treasurer Lou Archdeacon presented the finance report:

- Opening balance of \$1973.01
- Minus expenses of \$150 for honoraria.
- Income from 13 single and 10 family memberships
- Closing balance of \$2113.01

Sharon Lynn Introduced today's speaker Sally O'byrne. Sally is a lifelong Delawarean and longtime Wilmington resident. Sally is a multifaceted person, story teller and speaker. She has pursued her interest in natural history as a teacher naturalist for the Delaware Nature Society for 20+ years, where she is now a board member. Sally is currently in her second stint as president of the Delmarva Ornithological Society (DOS) and is also on the board of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.

Sally's program 'Birds of Folklore and Mythology' provided great insight into the roll birds played in the lore of many regions of the world. We learned how the 'Man on the Moon' got there, how the Raven stole the moon, stars and sunlight from an ogre, how the creators of the earth were encased in eggs for 18 years in China and how the Egyptians revered birds as their gods.

Sally's program was entertaining and informative, and her enthusiasm was most catching as she brought SBC members into the stories she told and the songs she sang. Thanks to Sally O'byrne for a very entertaining and informative program!

Round Robin:

- Harrier off New Road
- Canvasbacks on Silver Lake
- Redheads on Brandywine Rive
- Nuthatches (both) & Pine Siskins
- Mergansers on the canal
- Pine Warbler on suit
- One area of the Rehoboth Bird Count observed 80 species including:
 - 40 Hooded Mergansers
 - Nelson's Sparrow
 - 600 Buffleheads
 - 200 Brant

Respectfully submitted, Bob Edelen