

**Minutes of the Sussex Bird Club**  
**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**President Bill Fintel opened the meeting**

**Treasurer Lou Archdeacon presented the finance report:**

- Opening balance of \$2293.58
- Minus expenses of \$62.00 for mailing and \$150.00 for honoraria.
- Plus income from seven single memberships, three family memberships
- Closing balance of \$2,196.47

**Program – Sharon Lynn introduced today’s Speaker; Anthony Gonzon:**

Anthony works with the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife and is responsible for the ongoing ‘Delaware Breeding Bird Atlas’. There are 265 blocks in the state of Delaware and two more seasons remaining in the five year survey. To date there have been 6,700 volunteer hours in the field committed to the survey. This is extremely important because these hours have yielded \$87,000 in in-kind federal matching funds to support the survey.

Thus far there have been 69,309 total sightings reported with 136 species confirmed in Delaware. Of special note are a pair of black-legged skimmers, Cerulean Warbler, Dicksissel and Rose-Breasted Grosbeak identified as breeding in Delaware blocks.

The atlas has confirmed many declining species within the state, including Whippoorwills, Ring-necked Pheasants, Wood Cock, Green Heron, Hooded Warbler, Chimney Swift, Kestrel, Black and White Warbler, American Redstart and Kentucky Warbler.

There are still many opportunities to help out with the atlas and anyone interested should contact compilers; Anthony, Bill Fintel, Sharon Lynn, Glen Lovelace or Chris Bennett

Respectfully submitted, Bob Edelen