

**Minutes of the Sussex Bird Club**  
**February 13, 2011**

**President Bill Fintel** opened the meeting with the announcement of the passing of long time member, **Sam Harris**

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

- . Opening balance of \$2113
- . Closing balance of \$2173

**Chris Bennett, Program Coordinator** gave an account of the last field trip to Indian River:

- . Ten members attended on a sunny day
- The next field trip is to Ocean City Inlet next Saturday. He led a discussion about Seals that could be seen this time of year.

**Vice-President, Sharon Lynn** announced the next meeting will be at Cadbury on March 13 with the speaker being **Kevin Karlson**, a tour guide and photographer.

Sharon then introduced the speaker: **Christopher, (Kitt) Heckscher** whose talk was about 5 Veeries that were trapped at White Clay Creek and fitted with light sensitive geolocators. Based on the tracking of these veeries his findings included the following facts:

- . Veeries spent 2/3 of their time in the tropics
- . Veeries make a 2<sup>nd</sup> winter migration while in their winter range in Brazil
- . This 2<sup>nd</sup> winter migration can be correlated to flooding in the Amazon.
- . Because of the 2<sup>nd</sup> winter migration their S.Amer.winter range must be expanded.
- . Veeries are capable of rapid Spring migration when returning to N. Amer.
- . Veeries are not afraid to make direct trans Carribbean flights over water.

**Lou Archdeacon** annouced that the Library of books at Prime Hook is available for usage.

Member **Chuck Fulmer** mentioned the Painted Bunting seen at Deep Branch Road.

Member **Sandy Spence** asked about the disappearing House Sparrow.

Member **Bill Beiser** mentioned the Great Backyard Bird Count this coming weekend.

Notes submitted by **David Weber**