

Minutes of the Sussex Bird Club

Sunday, May 5th, 2013

Acting President Bill Fintel opened the meeting.

Treasurer Report of a balance of \$3000 in the checking account. A check has been sent to Bruce Lantz for Osprey Platforms.

Trip leader Chris Bennett reported on the trip to Milford Neck Attendance was especially good with approximately 25 people.

Speaker Christopher Heckscher of Delaware State University gave a talk on Non breeding Survey of the Veery in South America. The talk was an update of a similar talk give at the Sussex Bird Club a year or so ago. It showed how Veery's engage in intra-territorial movement after arriving in their winter grounds in South America. Slide pictures were shown of Columbia, a popular stopping off point for Veery's on their way to the Amazon Basin. Through the use of geolocators placed on the bird's back, the movement of Veery's can be track after migrating to South America. Why they move twice in the winter months is still not certain but possibly because of flooding in the Amazon Basin or to move to a different habitat for feeding. With more data, Professor Heckscher is coming closer to the answer.

Chris Bennett showed pictures and talked about the Club's picnic which will be held at the Great Cypress Swamp, the Fischer Farm on June 8, 2013.

Secretary: David Weber