

Minutes of the Sussex Bird Club
January 13, 2013

President John Hoyt opened the meeting.

Treasurer Bill Fintel reported a checkbook balance of \$2973.
Dues for membership are now due for this year :
\$10 single and \$15 family.

Guest speaker Derek Stoner talked about youth birding and Delaware Ornithological Society's (DOS) effort to encourage more birding by youth. DOS has founded Delaware Dunlin Youth Club for birding. Derek mentioned some of the efforts to take youngsters on field trips, Birdathons, and Big Sits in attempting to spark interest in birding. DOS has held over 60 workshops and field trips for young birders. Derek stated that it is never too early to start providing opportunities for young people to feel welcome and become part of a birding group.

Derek showed a binocular that he felt was ideal for young birders: Leupold - Yosemite 8X30. And he mentioned Jeff Gordon's book : "Identify Yourself" as good.

Field Trip Leader, Cris Bennett talked about Jan 12 Sea Watch field trip to Indian River. Razor Bills were seen.

Next Sea Watch field trip is Feb 9.

Secretary: David Weber