

Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists Minutes March 7, 2022

LNWC Board of Directors met Monday, March 7, 2022, via Zoom call. In attendance on the call were **Terry Marr, Dawn Wight, Don West, Jim Ray, Billy Wison, Julie Higgie, Don Higgie, Volkmar Dirksen and Pam Lewis**. The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

We started the meeting with a toast to Sid. His service will be at Raymer Kepner Funeral Home on Saturday March 5th at 4 p.m.

Jim gave the **Chapter Website and Communications Report**:

- Jim said that there have been Osprey sightings in the nests, and he will put this on the social media outlets.
- The Heron rookery camera is also operational.

Patrick was not on the call so there was no **Treasurer's Report**

Don and Julie Higgie visited Robbins Park and noted that the sign by the fish pond needs some attention as the plexi glass is coming off. Billy will talk to Troy about whose responsibility it is to fix this.

Pam Lewis brought up ideas for a memorial at Robbins Park for Sid. A bench or a bird blind was mentioned. All agreed that a bird blind might be best for now. There was also discussion about the hillside where planting, weeding, and mulching were done. It was noted that future work should be postponed until the irrigation can be addressed, as nothing is really growing there now. Billy said that Steve Turley should be contacted about building the bird blind. Don Higgie will reach out to him.

Don West gave an update on the **HOOF Program**:

- Don is trying to find sponsors for the program, the 2 processors need to know by August so they can let the hunters know if the program is a go or no go.

Billy Wilson gave an update on the **Red Wolf** cameras:

- We now have an internet connection on the Red Wolf cameras in Columbia, NC
- There should be 2 cameras online by the end of the month
- There is an enclosure camera and a den camera

Billy gave the **Event Report**:

- The town of Cornelius will hold Earth Jam and LNWC
- There are 2 breweries, 1 winery and many food trucks participating this year. They all focus on being green/organic
- Jim Avett will be the headliner this year
- The event will be held 4/30 at 4:30, volunteers needed 8
- With the help of the Shrine Club, 250 Christmas trees were dropped into Lake Norman for fish habitats. Thanks to newcomer Connor Reynolds for his help in organizing this.
- We need to reinvigorate the Island Habitat program, we can get 300 button bushes from NCWF
- We can also get 50 signs for the Osprey platforms asking for people to keep their distance

Jim Ray gave the **Fishing Report:**

- Hooked on Cornelius will be held on May 2. Volunteers are usually handpicked for this event.
- There will be a young explorers program starting on 4/19, the program will last for 6 weeks and will end on 5/24. The program is limited to 12 participants and will last approximately 1 ½ hours

Don said we can get name badges for \$12 each with a minimum order of 2 for new board members. Pam thinks we should have shirts also.

Terry brought up **In Person Meetings:**

- Question was asked of all if they would like to resume in person meetings, all agreed that they would
- Starting with the next meeting we will offer in person meetings to those who feel comfortable doing so
- Billy confirmed that the Depot is available.
- We will continue meetings through the summer to discuss children's programming and also fundraisers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on April 4th at the Art Depot.