

Minutes from the March 2, 2020, LNWC BOD Meeting

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on March 2, 2020, at the Mooresville Visual Arts Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President **Terry Marr**. Attendees also included **Gene Vaughan, Julie Higgin, Don West, Pam Lewis, Pat Stark, Eric Peterson, Volkmar Dirksen, Ken Conrad** and **Don Higgin**.

President Terry Marr

- There were no guests, and the Jan. 27, 2020 Minutes were approved.

Vice President Jim Ray

- Jim was absent, working the polls.

Treasurer Don West

- Don and Judy are in the middle of a move so their computer isn't working, therefore there is no Treasurer Report.

Secretary Julie Higgin

- Julie passed out copies of LNWC's 2020 Calendar of Events but had no report.

Immediate Past President Billy Wilson

- Billy was absent.

At-Large Directors:

Gene Vaughan

- Gene reported on the Loon Tours. We received \$170 in donations from the public tour on Feb. 29. Many loons were spotted by the 32 participants. The weather was chilly. The state BOD tour on Feb. 22 went well, also.
- The date for the button bush planting on Heron Island is up in the air. The rip-rap must be installed first. The island will be closed to human interaction on April 15, due to nesting season.
- On April 11, there will be a Heron & Osprey Boat Tour.

John Crutchfield

- John was absent

Ken Conrad

- Ken reported that due to changes in the Town of Cornelius schedule for Robbins Park, there will be three fishing events held on April 25th: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 2-4 p.m. (Hooked on Fishing), and also at the Earth Jam which is 4-7 p.m. The April 11th event was canceled by the town due to Easter.
- Also, Ken helped arrange for library nature program speakers. The insect decline program is 7-8 p.m. March 10 and on May 12th will be a bee program.

Pam Lewis

- Pam then gave the Education Committee Report. She spoke of plantings at Robbins Park and other areas in Cornelius. Regarding the Chimney Swift tower erected last year, Pam said she's seen a hawk hanging out on it. Gene said he would go and check on it. Pam also reported on the Young Explorers Program that will be held in April and May at Robbins Park. LNWC will receive \$20 per child who attends (out of each child's activity fee). There will also be a summer camp. Also, during Easter break, Pam will do another nature hike for families, as she's done before. And she's also thinking of her committee holding an evening Owl Prowl for families this year, due to the popularity of the evening Moth Event held last time.

Volkmar Dirksen

- Volkmar reported that Costco is selling bee nesting homes at a good price. And he said LNWC has been getting a lot of press coverage on our Heron Island work. He helped take people from Channel 9 to Heron Island. Stories have also appeared in many local papers.

Don Higgin

- Regarding the Membership Committee, Don reported he has not received any updates yet. However, Terry said he has one and that he will send him a copy. Terry also reported that he donated \$200 of our \$1,000 prize for winning the last Membership Incentive Campaign to the new Marsh Chapter, to help them get started.

Eric Peterson

- Eric asked questions about the Heron Island work and the button bush plantings.

Sid Smith

- Sid was absent.

Patrick Stark

- Pat reported that he spoke to someone about being a sponsor for the HOOF Program, but that person said he'd like to donate only \$250. Pat said he will continue to talk to other potential sponsors.

Kristen Stark

- Kristen was absent.

Robin Shea

- Robin was absent.

Old, Misc. or New Business

- Steve Turley led the Oyster Fest Committee Meeting held at 5 p.m. right before the BOD Meeting. Steve reported that the Sept. 19 fest date has been confirmed with LangTree. The committee discussed the GiveSmart silent auction format, caterers, getting an extra tent to cover guests waiting in line for food, the number of tickets given to sponsors, and the price of tickets. At the next Fest Committee meeting on April 6, Steve will present a budget for the fest to help determine other elements.
- The BOD discussed volunteer recruitment options. Pam said she is going to ask new member Jade Schlamb of Davidson to serve on the Education Team,

since there are so many activities upcoming where help is needed and Jade has good qualifications.

- Pat suggested that we get more involved in bat box building and installing, to help both homeowners and the survival of the species, as well as mosquito control. The BOD stated that is a great idea and gave the go-ahead.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. The next BOD meeting is 6 p.m. April 6, 2020, right after the Oyster Fest Committee Meeting that will be held at 5 p.m. at the Mooresville Arts Depot.

Submitted by Julie Higgin, Secretary