

Minutes from the Nov. 5, 2018, LNWC BOD Meeting

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on Nov. 5, 2018, at the Mooresville Visual Arts Center, with new officers and directors installed. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President **Terry Marr**. Also in attendance were **Gene Vaughan, Robin Shea, Don Higgle, Julie Higgle, Billy Wilson, Sid Smith, Eric Peterson, Ken Conrad, Pam Lewis, Don West, Pat Stark, and Angel Smith.**

President Terry Marr

- Terry called for approval of the Oct. 1, 2018, Minutes. They were approved unanimously.

VP Jim Ray (and Webmaster)

- Jim was absent.

Treasurer Don West (and Community Relations)

- Don reported that LNWC has \$34,324 in the bank. Fundraiser monies are still being dealt with.
- There is nothing to report for Community Relations.

Secretary Julie Higgle

- Julie handed out the event list for 2018-19 and also the LNWC contact list updated with names of new officers and directors. Board mailing addresses were gathered by Don West to help with billing purposes.

Immediate Past President Billy Wilson

- Billy reported the disappointing news that our Oyster Fest raised less money than last year. A debriefing meeting is planned for the near future to discuss details and solutions. The BOD will be sent an email as to when that will happen.
- In better news, Billy reported that LNWC received funding through a grant to plant Buttonbushes, turn ATON markers into Osprey platforms, and install a Heron Rookery Cam on Heron Island, plus a heron platform.

Director at-large Gene Vaughan (Island Habitat/Field Trips)

- Gene reported that the annual Island Habitat Adopters Meeting held Oct. 18 had a good turnout of Adopters.
- A lake tour to see Loons is planned for Feb. 16.
- We also plan to build 3 or 4 Chimney Swift towers early next year. A committee will convene to plan the towers, which will be built on-site.

Director at-large John Crutchfield (Island Habitat Co-leader)

- John was absent.

Director at-large Ken Conrad (Fishing Tournaments)

- Ken reported that 38 kids attended a recent fishing tournament.

Director at-large Volkmar Dirksen

- Volkmar was absent.

Director at-large Don Higgle (Membership Chair)

- Don updated our membership numbers and reported that he made face-to-face contact with people on our list who have expired memberships.
- Don will meet with committee member Angel Smith to make plans.

Director at-large Eric Peterson (Conservation)

- Eric reported that high water levels have caused a problem in cleaning up around the lake. Regarding Oyster Fest signs, the poles and bungee cords got bent by high winds from the last storm but the signs themselves are OK.

Director at-large Sid Smith (Robbins Park)

- Sid reported that the Pollinator Meadow at the park was mowed.

Director at-large Kristen Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Kristen was absent.

Director at-large Patrick Stark

- Pat reported that he will reach out to the Curtis Pond Neighborhood to spread the word about membership. He will also try to get his mom's company to help sponsor our work.

Director at-large Robin Shea

- Robin reported that the October library program was cancelled due to a storm. The next program will be held in January. "Bizarre Botanicals" will be presented by Dr. Larry Mellichamp of the NC Native Plant Society.

Director at-large Pam Lewis

- Pam said she wants to help find ways to attract younger people to our Leadership Team.

Old, Misc. Tabled, or New Business

- In new business, the board discussed the board Christmas party. Billy volunteered to hold it at his house again this year. He will consult with his partner Jessica on when that will happen, and let the board know later.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next BOD meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 7, 2019.

Submitted by Julie Higgie, Secretary