

Minutes from the Aug. 5, 2019, LNWC BOD Meeting

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on Aug. 5, 2019, at the Mooresville Visual Arts Center. Due to the president's and vice president's absence, the meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Immediate Past President **Billy Wilson**. Also in attendance were **Pam Lewis, Gene Vaughan, Volkmar Dirksen, Pat Stark, Julie Higgie, Don Higgie, Eric Peterson, Sid Smith, Robin Shea, Don West**, and guest **Denise Strait**.

President Terry Marr (Absent)

- Billy asked Don W. to introduce our guest. Denise Strait is a new volunteer who will help organize volunteer opportunities. She gave her professional qualifications.
- The BOD held a discussion about the BOD meeting schedule. Don W. made a motion for the BOD to hold meetings February through November, and take December and January off, with the February meeting focused on strategic planning and the November meeting focused on fundraiser debriefing and budget planning for the next year. The motion was seconded by Pat Stark. The motion passed unanimously.
- Billy reported that the NCWF's annual State Banquet in September will be attended by several LNWC BOD members. The reservations have been made.

VP Jim Ray (and Webmaster)

- Jim was absent.

Treasurer Don West (and Community Relations)

- Don reported there is \$37,376 in the bank.

Secretary Julie Higgie

- Julie reminded the BOD of the annual election, with officers acting as the Nominating Committee. This year, three at-large director positions are up. One of them is now occupied by Robin. Julie will go back through the minutes to determine who the other two should be.

Immediate Past President Billy Wilson

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

- Gene reported that the Island Habitat program is going well, with all 96 islands adopted and members of the public regularly checking to see if any are available. Billy reported that LNWC was notified by a family that threats were made to them by a person claiming to be one of our volunteers, to stay away from one of the islands. That person was reported to the authorities.

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

- John was absent.

Director at-large Ken Conrad (Fishing Tournaments)

- Ken was absent.

Director at-large Volkmar Dirksen

- Volkmar had no report.

Director at-large Don Higgie (Membership Chair)

- Don discussed the state Membership Contest and why we came in second to PAWS. He advised that face-to-face recruiting is usually the most effective.

Director at-large Eric Peterson (Conservation)

- Eric asked how the osprey cam worked this year, and how it can be viewed. Billy reported that one chick out of three fledged and the youngster and its parents are still hanging around the nest. Video feed can be followed on-line on a computer, smart phone, or smart TV.

Director at-large Sid Smith (Robbins Park)

- Sid reported that the Pollinator Garden's irrigation system finally works, but non-native plants overtook native plants, so the entire garden needs to be plowed and re-planted. Tara Moore told him that the office has plenty of seeds we can use. In other news, the Town of Cornelius has indicated a willingness to partner with us for more nature-centric summer camps in the future.

Director at-large Patrick Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Pat had no report.

Director at-large Kristen Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Kristen was absent.

Director at-large Robin Shea (Education)

- Robin gave the Education Report. The Education Committee made a tentative schedule of programs, some of which will be held at the Mooresville Library, and others at Robbins Park. One will feature Gene leading a Loon Tour on Lake Norman out of Morningstar Marina.

Director at-large Pam Lewis (Education)

- Pam emailed a copy of the Program Schedule to Julie so she can create the 2019-20 LNWC Calendar of Events.

Old, Misc. Tabled, or New Business

- There was none.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:30 p.m. so a Fundraiser Report could be given by Billy. The next BOD meetings are planned for September 9th, October 7 (election), and Nov. 4 (first meeting of electees).

Submitted by Julie Higgin, Secretary