

## **Minutes from the January 7, 2019, LNWC BOD Meeting**

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on Jan. 7, 2019, at the Mooresville Visual Arts Center. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President **Terry Marr**. Also in attendance were **Gene Vaughan, Robin Shea, Don Higgie, Julie Higgie, Billy Wilson, Sid Smith, Eric Peterson, Ken Conrad, Pam Lewis, Don West, Jim Ray, Pat Stark,** and **Volkmar Dirksen**.

### **President Terry Marr**

- Terry called for approval of the Nov. 5, 2018, Minutes. They were approved unanimously.

### **VP Jim Ray (and Webmaster)**

- Jim reported that the LNWC website is updated and we continue to build followers on Facebook, Twitter and Meetup.

### **Treasurer Don West (and Community Relations)**

- Don reported that LNWC has \$44,243 in the bank, and we are in good financial shape despite earning less on our fund-raisers last year.
- He also reported that 79 boxes of deer meat have been donated. This will mean 15,000 meals for those in need, despite the hunting season starting late due to overly hot weather. He said Bill Berry was a big help to the program.

### **Secretary Julie Higgie**

- Julie will write a thank-you note to a recent donor and also will send an updated LNWC Contact List to Jim so he can put it on the website.

### **Immediate Past President Billy Wilson**

- Billy reminded the BOD that LNWC we will plant Buttonbushes, turn 12 ATON markers into Osprey platforms, and install a Heron Rookery Cam on Heron Island, plus a heron platform. Mark Lancaster will help place the poles. Also, 250 feet of shoreline will be stabilized on Heron Island, using river rock and rip rap.

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

- Gene gave the Education Report. Dr. Larry Mellichamp will give the library program on Thursday.
- A lake tour to see Loons is planned for 8:30 a.m. Feb. 16, setting off from Morningstar Marina. There was a discussion about how to ensure that people who sign up actually show up for the event. No decision was reached. Also, communication between boats was discussed. **A motion was made to purchase radios using up to \$100 from the treasury. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Gene said the Button Bushes can't be planted because the lake is still too high.

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

- John was absent.

### **Director at-large Ken Conrad (Fishing Tournaments)**

- Ken said no tournaments will be held until April. However, he wanted to discuss a possible pollution problem with the East Rocky River because of a lack of life in the water, and the fact that pets and people vomit when they drink water from this river. He

found out that the river is a discharge point for water from a treatment plant. Billy suggested Ken go to the MEP Committee to ask for advice. Gene added that he also would help Ken figure out who is responsible and what, if anything, can be done.

#### **Director at-large Volkmar Dirksen**

- Volkmar had no report.

#### **Director at-large Don Higgin (Membership Chair)**

- Don reported that he hasn't yet received a membership update from the state office.

#### **Director at-large Eric Peterson (Conservation)**

- Eric said he wants somebody to write an article about the deer program to give it more publicity. He also is concerned about the high lake water because of all the garbage out there floating around.

#### **Director at-large Sid Smith (Robbins Park)**

- Sid reported that he has been talking to artist David Williams about another interpretive sign for Robbins Park. Sid has two ideas: the life cycle of toads and frogs, and the life cycle of dragonflies. One would be \$3,400 and the other \$3,550. There was a discussion by the board about the high cost of these signs and whether the price could be negotiated. A motion was made and seconded to approve the dragonfly sign. The vote was 13 in favor and 1 not in favor, meaning the issue did pass. Sid said he will try to negotiate the price of this and future interpretive signs, especially if they are to be re-used for another organization.
- Sid also wants somebody from LNWC to talk with Cornelius town leaders to see what plans they have this year in regard to the park, and also to discuss irrigation of the park Pollinator Garden because the system needs to be reconfigured to function correctly.

#### **Director at-large Patrick Stark (Habitat Steward)**

- Pat reported that he will connect with the Curtis Pond Neighborhood to spread the word about membership and possibly hold an education program in the neighborhood club house.

#### **Director at-large Kristen Stark (Habitat Steward)**

- Kristen was absent.

#### **Director at-large Robin Shea (Education)**

- Robin had no report.

#### **Director at-large Pam Lewis (Education)**

- Pam said a garden club in Denver wants a speaker from our organization to discuss butterfly gardening, and also help with certifying a butterfly garden in their area. Pat said he will help.

#### **Old, Misc. Tabled, or New Business**

- There was no new, old, or tabled business.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next BOD meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 4, 2019.*

*Submitted by Julie Higgin, Secretary*