

Minutes from the May 6, 2019, LNWC BOD Meeting

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on May 6, 2019, at the Mooresville Visual Arts Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President **Terry Marr**. Also in attendance were **Gene Vaughan, Pam Lewis, Don West, Robin Shea, Sid Smith, Billy Wilson, Eric Peterson, Jim Ray, Patrick Stark, Volkmar Dirksen, Ken Conrad**, and guests **Jessie Holbruin** and **Kaitlin Hull**.

President Terry Marr

- Terry called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the April 1st minutes. Approval was unanimous.

VP Jim Ray (and Webmaster)

- Jim reported on LNWC website improvements and changes. The email service has been moved, and he is busy putting together an online volunteer signup process. Since there are so many chapter activities now, a Volunteer Coordinator is needed.

Treasurer Don West (and Community Relations)

- Don reported there is \$38,015 in the bank and all bills are paid. He is waiting for the BOD to confirm the budget. There are no pending bills until Octoberfest.
- There are no Community Relations updates.

Secretary Julie Higgie

- Julie was absent.

Immediate Past President Billy Wilson

- Billy discussed NCWF news: The Let Em Spawn program and a new state chapter in Marvin—MARSH (Marvin Association for the Restoration and Sustainability of Wildlife Habitat). The Wild on the Water fundraiser is the first week of June at Latta Plantation.
- Regarding LNWC fundraisers, Billy thanked everyone for their help in the Earth Jam at Cornelius and wants to motivate those families who participated in kids fishing to stay for the Earth Jam, perhaps with coupons. We made \$350 profit from selling wine and beer at the event. There was no decision yet whether Sept. 21st or 28th is better for our Wildlife Oyster & Shrimp Fest. Laktoberfest is Oct. 12.

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

- Gene reported that Boy Scouts are working toward their Eagle designation at school, and asked whether we can help them with their environmental projects? Gene stated he is seeing Chimney Swifts around Mooresville, and saw hundreds at the giant Depot tower in Davidson but none went down into it because the owners capped it off due to an asbestos issue. Gene will contact the owners about it.
- Regarding the Island Habitat program, Gene said lots of Island Adopters are contacting him for garbage bags. As for Earth Jam, 60 kids participated in the fishing event. Another is planned for fall.

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

- John was absent.

Director at-large Ken Conrad (Fishing Tournaments)

- Ken had no report.

Director at-large Volkmar Dirksen

- Volkmar discussed an osprey pole that he had moved to another place. He suggested as a Senior Project having a trash pickup day on the lake, with a prize for the most trash collected.

Director at-large Don Higgle (Membership Chair)

- Don was absent.

Director at-large Eric Peterson (Conservation)

- Eric asked about funding procedures and reported there are ospreys near his house that need a platform.

Director at-large Sid Smith (Robbins Park)

- Sid reported there are still pump issues with the sprinkler system at the garden. Four more sprinkler heads were obtained to cover the area. It will be set for 3-5 a.m. for best results. Some people helped with weeding at the Earth Jam, but more are needed.

Director at-large Pam Lewis (Education)

- Pam further discussed the Robbins Park garden. She said one load of free mulch was delivered that had to be hand-shoveled. She is looking for more donations of native plants.
- She reported that Young Explorers meet from 6:30-7:30 on Tuesdays, with 11 kids participating. The LNWC Education Committee will meet soon to plan for next year.

Director at-large Robin Shea (Education)

- Robin reported LNWC had a lot of interest in our table at Earth Jam, with 17 people joining our database.

Director at-large Patrick Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Pat reported two or three turtle-basking platforms are needed for the Curtis Pond Neighborhood HOA. He's looking for donations.

Director at-large Kristen Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Kristen was absent.

Old, Misc. Tabled, or New Business

- Regarding the Heron Cam, the screen was freezing up at first and there were brief issues with the Osprey Cam, as well. Everything is working now, and there were almost 2 million views reported by Earth Cam.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next BOD meeting will probably be held Sept. 9 (due to Labor Day the previous week), depending upon the decision of the Executive Committee.

Submitted by Julie Higgle, Secretary