

Minutes from the Oct. 1, 2018, LNWC BOD Meeting

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on Oct. 1, 2018, at the Mooresville Visual Arts Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President **Billy Wilson**. Also in attendance were **Gene Vaughan, Julie Higgie, Don Higgie, Pam Lewis, Sid Smith, Robin Shea, Ken Conrad, Volkmar Dirksen, Terry Marr, Jim Ray, Eric Peterson, Angel Smith**, and **Kristen** and **Patrick Stark** via conference call.

President Billy Wilson

- Billy called for approval of the Aug. 27, 2018, Minutes. They were approved unanimously. He then introduced guest Angel Smith, who will be a volunteer with the Membership Committee.
- Regarding the NCWF, he stated that the Monarch Festival went well and he thanked Robin and Pam for representing LNWC at the festival.

VP Jim Ray (and Webmaster)

- Jim reported that our Internet is busy, mainly because of the Fest, and that 82 more people have signed onto our database. We now have 1300 email addresses. Also, we are close to 5,000 names on our Facebook page, thanks to Billy. He also announced that we are a little behind last year on our Fest ticket sales.
- Billy continued the report on the Fest. He stated while our sponsorships are good, sales to the general public are down. VIP tickets are sold out but since we need to push general public tickets, we will reopen sales. Also signs advertising the Fest will be put up, auction items are still being gathered, volunteers are on target, and new volunteer T-shirts will be ordered. The BOD discussed colors and wording. The volunteer meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m.

Treasurer Don West (and Community Relations)

- Don reported that LNWC has \$27,781 in the bank. There is a working budget of \$9,000 after fundraiser expenses. Don also reported that we should consider changing our fiscal year, and should discuss it at a future date.
- Regarding Community Relations, Don wants to post regional plant and animal ID pages onto our website. Billy and Gene also discussed having printed copies to go along with that.

Secretary Julie Higgie

- Julie had no report.

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

- Gene reported that the annual Island Habitat Adopters Meeting is rescheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 18. It will be open to the public and focus on the Hydrilla problem. He said adopters are doing a good job with the islands, but he's concerned that Duke Energy will no longer be picking large trash items out of the lake. He is also checking the islands for places to plant Buttonbush during the planting event on Nov. 17.
- Tours will be scheduled later in the year.
- Gene said we are far behind in putting up osprey nesting platforms because Lancaster barge company has been hard to reach. Twenty platforms need to be installed, including the ones planned for ATONS. So we might have to reach out to another barge company.
- It was also decided to leave the osprey camera in place until the end of October. Most of the ospreys have left already.

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

- John was absent.

Director at-large Ken Conrad (Fishing Tournaments)

- Ken reported that the Fishin' With a Mission fishing tournament will be held Oct. 14 in Statesville, and the fall kids fishing tournament will be held at Robbins Park on Nov. 3.

Director at-large Volkmar Dirksen

- Volkmar had no report.

Director at-large Don Higgin (Membership Chair)

- Don reported that he has been handing out membership fliers. He also noticed that three people on the BOD haven't renewed their NCWF memberships. Billy reminded the BOD that NCWF is in the midst of a membership campaign.

Director at-large Eric Peterson (Conservation)

- Eric shared pictures of Robbins Park's Earth Day activities. He also had good news about the Reeds Creek Wetland: the sign warning boaters to avoid nesting areas that we thought had disappeared has now reappeared. He's also seen a number of turtle basking platforms being used in the wetland, and that the beaver dam is still standing after the tropical storm.

Director at-large Kristen Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Kristen had no report.

Director at-large Sid Smith (Robbins Park)

- Sid had no report.

Education Committee (Pam Lewis and Robin Shea)

- Pam reported that the beekeeper they originally contacted for the next library program can't make it, so they will find another one. Billy congratulated Pam, Robin and Don W. for running a great program at Gander Outdoors.

Old, Misc. Tabled, or New Business

- The BOD Election was held. The motion to accept the slate of nominees was made by Don W. and seconded by Volkmar. The BOD voted unanimously to approve. They will start their duties officially at the next meeting. Officers and directors for the next three years are: Terry Marr, president; Julie Higgin, secretary; and at-large directors John Crutchfield and Gene Vaughan. The terms of Robin Shea, Pam Lewis, and Patrick Stark were determined by a draw. Robin will serve 1 year, Pat 2 years, and Pam 3 years in the election cycle. (Billy will be Immediate Past President by default.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next BOD meeting is 6 p.m. Nov. 5, 2018.

Submitted by Julie Higgin, Secretary