

Minutes from the Oct. 7, 2019, LNWC BOD Meeting

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on Oct. 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 **Jim Ray, Eric Peterson, Robin Shea, Ken Conrad, Volkmar Dirksen, Pat Stark, Julie Higgie** and **Don Higgie**.

President Terry Marr

- Terry asked for approval of the minutes from Sept. 9. The minutes were approved as corrected, in regard to future slates of nominees for elections. Pat explained that Kristen is willing to stay on the BOD this year since no other member volunteered to fill a BOD at-large position. Her term will be up next fall.
- Terry read the slate of nominees for this year's election and called for a vote. The slate was approved unanimously. Robin, Volkmar, and Don H. will start their 3-year terms as of Nov. 1, 2019.

VP Jim Ray (and Webmaster)

- Jim gave a report on the Oyster Fest. He stated that this year we did well with "less people but more revenue." In all, 447 people attended the Fest, including volunteers. There were 95 VIP guests in attendance and around 100 General Admission. Thirteen new members were gained. Gross sales were \$15,500. We had 69 volunteers helping this year.
- Jim asked the BOD to send him ideas of things we could do better next year so those can be discussed at the Oyster Fest Debriefing Meeting. (Next month's BOD meeting will also focus on Fundraiser Debriefing.)
- He said we need more volunteers at the Laketoberfest. He also reported that one of the lake "cams" has gone black so he will ask Billy what we should do about that, if anything.

Immediate Past President Billy Wilson

- Billy was absent.

Treasurer Don West (and Community Relations)

- Don was absent.

Secretary Julie Higgie

- Julie had no report, but she will create a new board contact list to hand out at the next meeting.

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

- Gene was absent.

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

- John was absent.

Director at-large Ken Conrad (Fishing Tournaments)

- Ken reported that he had a good meeting with the organizer of this Saturday's children's fishing tournament. Twenty will fish at 10 a.m. and another 20 at 11 a.m. Fishin' With a Mission is set for Oct. 20th in Statesville and Live at the Pond! is set for April 11 at Robbins Park.

Director at-large Volkmar Dirksen

- Volkmar had no report.

Director at-large Don Higgie (Membership Chair)

- Don said he expects we will recruit more new members at this Saturday's Laketoberfest.

Director at-large Eric Peterson (Conservation)

- Eric reported that when he and Don H. went out to collect Fest banners, they found another one missing. He thinks maybe the town of Mooresville has something to do with the two missing banners and said Billy is going to ask the town. Also, the ground is so hard this year because of the draught that it was difficult to get the banner stakes out without damaging some of them.
- He also reported that Fest table and chair set up and take down went quickly this year.

Director at-large Sid Smith (Robbins Park)

- Sid was absent.

Director at-large Patrick Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Pat had no Habitat Steward report but does have a report for the Fest Debriefing.

Director at-large Kristen Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Kristen was absent.

Director at-large Robin Shea (Education)

- Robin said there is a gardening program set for Thursday night at the library. She said last month's program left a lot to be desired in terms of attendance. Only 11 guests came and the program was missing a speaker and hands-on materials.

Director at-large Pam Lewis (Education)

- Pam was absent.

Old, Misc. Tabled, or New Business

- There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next BOD meeting is Nov. 7. It will mainly focus on fundraiser debriefing and the 2020 Budget.

Submitted by Julie Higgie, Secretary