

Minutes from the Sept. 9, 2019, LNWC BOD Meeting

The **Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists** Board of Directors met on Sept. 9, 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 **Julie Higgie, Don Higgie, Gene Vaughan, Pam Lewis, Volkmar Dirksen, Robin Shea, Billy Wilson, Ken Conrad, Angel Smith, Sid Smith, Eric Peterson, Don West** and **Jim Ray**.

President Terry Marr

- Terry asked for approval of the minutes from Aug. 5. The minutes were approved as corrected, in regard to the nature of the committee meeting following the August BOD meeting.
- Terry then presented the **Slate of Nominees for 2019-20: Robin Shea, Volkmar Dirksen, Don Higgie (at-large positions)**. The 2020-21 Slate will be: Vice President, Treasurer, 3 at-large BODs (Jim Ray, Don West, Pat Stark, Ken Conrad, Kristen Stark). The 2021-22 Slate will be President, Secretary, 3 at-large BODs (Terry Marr, Julie Higgie, Eric Peterson, Sid Smith, Pam Lewis).
- There were no guests.

VP Jim Ray (and Webmaster)

- Jim gave an update on the LNWC website and Oyster Fest hits. So far, there have been seven new members gained from ticket sales and two from NCWF. People can get a discount on their Oyster Fest ticket if they join NCWF. He has been busy with updates to the website and outgoing mail from activities. The board discussed how confusing it is for some people to understand that LNWC, being a chapter and not an entity unto itself, is a part of NCWF. That's why it is important to explain that they are actually joining the state nonprofit, which they can participate in statewide as well as locally.

Immediate Past President Billy Wilson

- Billy had to leave for a Marine Commission meeting, so he gave his report early.
- Regarding the NCWF State Banquet, he thanked all who attended and gave a brief summary of events there. LNWC presented a check for over \$13,000 to NCWF, the largest of any chapter.
- Regarding the Oyster Fest, things are going great, Billy said. Ticket sales have risen above last year's sales, at 153 sold so far. VIP tickets are selling twice as fast as last year. It turns out that new volunteer Denise Strait will not be able to attend the Oyster Fest, so Don W. will organize volunteers. Other details were discussed, as well, including collection of sponsor checks by Billy and Don W., and the fact there are two empty storefronts at LangTree this year, meaning we might have more usable space. Billy then had to leave for his meeting.

Treasurer Don West (and Community Relations)

- Don reported that our bank account is not balanced due to a lot of expenses going out, sponsor money coming in, and a failure of receipts coming in from expenses. Therefore, Don made a motion that **LNWC's treasurer will not make any reimbursement without the submittal of a receipt. The measure was passed unanimously.**

Secretary Julie Higgie

- Julie asked if it is time for her to have more membership brochures made. It turns out that various board members have altogether a large number of membership brochures,

therefore none need to be made at this time. Julie advised board members to dispose of outdated brochures (that have incorrect contact information).

- Two events need to be added to the LNWC 2019-20 Calendar: Oct. 12 Laketoberfest, April 24, 4-9 p.m. Earth Jam at Robbins Park, Cornelius.

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

- Gene reported that he is taking out a new volunteer for a lake project.

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

- John was absent.

Director at-large Ken Conrad (Fishing Tournaments)

- Ken reported that Fishin' With a Mission is set for Oct. 20th in Statesville. We will help with that. 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 stated that our upcoming events are a good time for face-to-face recruitment of new members. Our chapter received \$1,275 from the state's membership contest.

Director at-large Eric Peterson (Conservation)

- Eric had no report.

Director at-large Sid Smith (Robbins Park)

- Sid said that he and Pam would have a meeting over improvements needed to the park Pollinator Garden.

Director at-large Patrick Stark (Habitat Steward)

- Pat was absent.

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 the Library Program details have been worked out. Gene will give the program this month.

Old, Misc. Tabled, or New Business

- There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. The next BOD meetings are October 7 (election), and Nov. 4 (elected BOD members terms begin, fundraiser debrief).

Submitted by Julie Higgie, Secretary