

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Lake Roland Nature Center**

Board Members Present: Kurt Davis, Elise Butler, Jeffrey Budnitz, Gero Verheyen, Ed Brady, Lydia Redding, Christine Corbett, Nancy Horst, Dwight Johnson, Peter Lev

Other Attendees (partial list): Ranger Jonathan Wood, Ranger Betsy Kadow, Kay McConnell, Gail Stetten, Kathy Woods

Welcome: Kurt Davis called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm, noting that traffic problems might lead to late arrivals.

Rec. and Parks Staff Report: Ranger Wood reported on the following events:

The Nov. 3 Donut Run was successful. More Donut Runs are planned.

Art on the Trail installations are going in. Meet the Artists is scheduled for Dec. 9, 1-3 pm.

Wreath-making workshops are scheduled on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2. The park needs branches, trimmings from Christmas trees, etc. to use as wreath materials.

A natural holiday ornaments workshop is scheduled on Dec. 8. See the published Lake Roland schedule for details of all upcoming programs.

Guest Speaker: Kathy Woods of Phoenix Wildlife Center spoke about the many birds and mammals she has cared for as a wildlife rehabilitator. Phoenix Wildlife has an eighteen-year history; it is an all-volunteer, all-community supported organization. Currently Kathy is supervising renovations on a house in Gunpowder Falls State Park that will be the new home of the center. Kathy showed photos of a wide range of birds and mammals that have passed through the center. For window-strike birds, she has a success rate of 95%!

Kathy urged us to call her for advice if we find an injured animal, or to call Jonathan or Betsy.

Retiring Board Members: Kurt Davis thanked Nancy Horst, Steve Christianson, Susan King-Byrne, and Merritt Pridgeon for their service.

New Board Member: The Nominating Committee proposed Carlton Sexton as a new board member. His election was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

The General Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm, but Board members were asked to stick around for the election of officers.

Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers:

Vice President: Elise Butler

Treasurer: Jeffrey Budnitz

Secretary: Peter Lev

(Kurt Davis's term as President expires in 2019).

The slate of officers was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev.