

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2019**

Attendees: Kurt Davis, Elise Butler, Jeffrey Budnitz, Jim Flannery, Peter Lev, Ranger Jonathan Wood

President Kurt Davis opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

**Treasurers' Report:** Jeffrey Budnitz provided the following figures:

\*\*\*Current Assets Checking/Savings are \$57,369.64

\*\*\*Fixed Assets are \$374,564.63

\*\*\*Total Assets are \$431,934.27

\*\*\*Current Liabilities are \$149,484.00

\*\*\*Equity \$282,450.27

**Recreation and Parks Staff Report:** Ranger Jonathan Wood reported that the Towson Big Event, bringing 30-40 people to Lake Roland, is scheduled for Sat. April 13. Entercom is bringing 15 volunteers on Earth Day, April 22.

The park is still understaffed. Jonathan could hire a Park Ranger 1, Park Ranger 2 and Activity Coordinator this year. Also someone to open the park at sunrise, with rangers arriving at 8 am. Alternatively, the park could officially open at 8 am; early morning walkers and joggers could still enter via the Light Rail parking lot and Boardwalk. EC members recommended that the park open at sunrise on summer weekends. 8 am on weekdays would be all right.

Jonathan will be at a seasonal naturalist meeting on June 5, therefore not available for an evening EC meeting. We agreed that the EC will not meet on June 5.

Union Craft Brewing will sponsor a "Bikes and Beer" bike ride on June 22. They want to include Lake Roland as a stop on the way, with a Portapot they will rent. We discussed potential complications—e.g., parking, separating the bike riders from other park patrons. Jonathan will get more information.

Natural History Society of MD wants to do a water quality demonstration at Lake Roland. Again, we need more information, including how many people expected and will there be a fee for participants.

2 staff members will take a course leading to canoeing certification. EC approved paying for the course.

**Membership Report:** We have 192 members.

**Environmental and Historic Preservation Report:** Elise Butler reported that LRNC and Roger Latham have a letter agreement covering Phase 1 of Roger's Bare Hills Barrens proposal.

EC has been copied on an email chain about invasive plants in Baltimore City and County. Right now this is all talk. If a coherent group emerges, we would be interested in recruiting volunteers for the park.

LRNC and GGC will meet on April 9 to discuss where we are going with the Nature Center Design Framework.

Peter will meet with Joe McSharry and Jim Young of the Natural History Society on April 6 to discuss an insect study in Bare Hills Barrens.

Kurt and Peter received a request from Bob Smith for information concerning EC minutes and communications re the proposed Bluestem development. Kurt will respond.

**Old Business:** EC had previously approved the purchase of a replacement grill near one of the pavilions. Jonathan and Jeffrey will choose the grill that best meets our needs.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev.