

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
Lake Roland Nature Center**

Board Members Present: Kurt Davis, Christine Corbett, Lydia Redding, Marc Klein, Gero Verheyen, Carlton Sexton, Elise Butler, Peter Lev, Dwight Johnson, Jim Flannery

Other Attendees: Ranger Jonathan Wood, Kay McConnell, Howdy Knipp, Chris Mervine, John Rekus

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Sep. 2019 Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Current Assets Checking/Saving	\$37,961.31
Total Current Assets	37,961.31
Fixed Assets	413,272.09
TOTAL ASSETS	451,233.40
Current Liabilities	149,484.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	149,484.00
Equity	301,749.40
TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	\$451,233.40

**Staff Report:** Ranger J. Wood said that the Nature Quest Fest is coming up. He thanked Christine Corbett for volunteering to do face painting. There is a Halloween campfire on the evening of Oct. 25. On Sat., Nov.2 Ranger Lehman is offering a free interpretive program on White-tailed Deer.

**Annual Meeting:**

The LRNC Annual Meeting will be Weds., Nov. 13. Entomologist Jim Young will be the speaker. Jim will speak first, to be followed by elections.

**Environmental and Historic Preservation Committee:**

Elise Butler said that the serpentine meadow will be mowed on Nov. 3. We need a couple of volunteers to keep park visitors away from the mowing. John Rekus suggested that the volunteers wear reflective vests.

Elise reported that Lake Roland may be added to Baltimore County deer control efforts. Cromwell Valley and Oregon Ridge already use sharpshooters to control deer. All meat will be donated to nonprofits. Peter Lev asked if there is any information on how effective deer control efforts have been. Elise and Kurt replied that a number of documents on deer management are posted on the LRNC website.

Kay McConnell gave us up-to-date figures on the Fall Native Plant Sale. Gross sales were \$7680. Net sales were \$3939.99. Kay also said that the Guilford Garden Club toured the serpentine meadow on Oct. 15.

Elise briefly discussed the Weed Warriors program. Currently Weed Warriors meets one Saturday a month. But some volunteers are more available on weekdays, so another time may be scheduled for them.

**Paw Point Committee:** We have 1,069 dogs registered, and membership is closed for the year. Early registration for next year will be held on Nov. 2 and Nov. 10,

**Trails Committee:** Jeffrey Budnitz was not present. Kurt said the Trails Committee has been very active, for example putting down concrete for two memorial benches plus doing outreach projects at Marshy Point and the Ag. Center. Missing traffic barrels needed for Trails Committee access on the Falls Rd. side have been found. They will now be stenciled with the LRNC name. Tickets are being given in the “No Parking” area on Falls Rd. near the Red Trail.

**Recreation Committee:** Gero Verheyen reported on a successful canoe outing a few weeks ago. Access to the north end of the lake has changed a lot because of silt buildup.

**Membership Committee:** 220 members. Membership is closed for the year.

**Residents Committee:** No report.

**New Business:**

Kurt asked Board members to fill out and sign the last 3 pages of the Conflict of Interest policy. Several people had brought hard copies to the meeting.

Chris Mervine, the Regional Coordinator for Nature Parks including Lake Roland, talked about a new, more thorough background check that will be required for Baltimore County Rec. and Parks volunteers. The CJIS background check is particularly aimed at volunteers who work with children and/or finances. The County Executive wants the CJIS system implemented quickly. It will be 100% paid by the county. Registration will require being fingerprinted as well as providing information. Sites around the County will be used for registration. Volunteers will receive an ID card. Re-registration will happen every year.

Board members had questions about the CJIS system, for example exactly who would need to register. Elise suggested writing FAQs. Chris said a lot of questions would be answered after Rec. and Parks designates a full-time person to supervise the background check process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev