

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Lake Roland Nature Center**

Board Members Present: Jeffrey Budnitz, Kurt Davis, Christine Corbett, Lydia Redding, Marc Klein, Gero Verheyen, Carlton Sexton, Rick North, Peter Lev

Other Attendees: Ranger Jonathan Wood, Kay McConnell

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 2019 Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Assets Checking/Saving	\$39,022.83
Accounts Receivable	2,935.00
Total Current Assets	41,957.83
Fixed Assets	410,084.55
TOTAL ASSETS	452,042.38
Current Liabilities	149,484.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	149,484.00
Equity	302,558.38
TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	\$452,042.38

Staff Report: Ranger J. Wood reported that there was a break-in at the Ranger Station early one morning. LRNC lost equipment valued at \$2932. Baltimore County losses were greater. There was also a fire on the Pink Trail on a "Wiccan Tree." Only the tree was damaged.

Jonathan said that Kyle Brickell has been hired as a Park Ranger I. Now the park needs approval to hire for a 29 hrs. per week position.

Upcoming programs: Bees and Butterflies Sep. 21. Fall campout Sep. 27 and 28. Jonathan is looking for volunteers to set up tents (Sep. 27, evening) and help with breakfast (Sep. 28, morning). Donut Run is Sep. 28. Volunteers needed to help runners navigate the course. Nature Quest fest is Oct. 20.

Kurt Davis Announcement:

The LRNC Annual Meeting will be Weds., Nov. 13. Entomologist Jim Young will be the speaker.

LRNC elections will be held on Nov. 13. Kurt is not on the ballot, so he will chair the Nominating Committee this year. Kurt had asked Carlton Sexton to be Nominating Committee chair, but Carlton cannot be present on Nov. 13.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Committee:

Kay McConnell said that the Sep. 14 Fall Native Plant Sale went very well. The gross is over \$6500 so far, and that should go up as people schedule individual appointments with Kay. Sep. 14 was a beautiful day.

Elise Butler was not present. Peter Lev reported on two academics who have been in contact with LRNC. Anahi Espindola of University of Maryland, College Park made a site visit to Lake Roland's serpentine barrens on August 13. She is applying for a grant to study pollinators at Lake Roland, Soldiers Delight and other serpentine barrens. Elise and Peter hosted her.

Bernadette Roche of Loyola University met with Jonathan about doing research and class-related projects at Lake Roland. She wants to do research on forests, and will study a number of plots spread around the park.

Paw Point Committee: We have more than 1,000 dogs registered.

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz talked about the fire on the Purple Trail. He has been out to clean up the area around the Wiccan Tree.

Recreation Committee: Gero Verheyen reported on the Donut Run set for next weekend. Volunteers needed. Jonathan has simplified the route.

A canoe trip is scheduled for Sunday 22nd 2-4 pm. Gero would like to extend what we do with boaters in the Spring. We have one cleanup day using boats in Fall. Gero wants to organize more than one in Spring.

Carlton asked if there were any thoughts about renting boats. Jeffrey said LRNC had discussed this with Ultimate Watersports. One problem was limited parking near the boat dock. Also, there are insurance issues with having a private concession in the park.

Membership Committee: 220 members.

Residents Committee: No report.

Old Business: Kurt Davis had written a draft policy on how LRNC members could propose items for discussion at the monthly Board meeting.

1. Any dues paying LRNC member wishing to speak at a board meeting needs to communicate that wish to the secretary, in writing or via electronic format, no later than 3 business days prior to the board meeting.
2. The member's topic of discussion will be added to the meeting agenda, potentially as new business.
3. The member's topic will be offered to the board for a vote on discussion/no discussion. Depending on the vote the meeting proceeds, one way or the other.

This was briefly discussed and then tabled at the June meeting. Kurt brought it up again for discussion. Rick North said that the policy was unneeded because under Robert's Rules of Order any Board member could move to end discussion of a topic. Kurt said that Board members had complained to him about meetings being "hijacked" by people bringing items not relevant to the

Board's written agenda. The policy was moved and seconded. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev