

**Lake Roland Nature Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 4, 2019**

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

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

The minutes from 8/7/19 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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| Current Assets:              | Checking/Savings    | 47,925.66  |            |
|                              | Accounts Receivable | 5.00       |            |
| Total Current Assets         |                     | 47,930.66  |            |
| Fixed Assets                 |                     | 402,122.83 |            |
| Current Liabilities          |                     | 149,484.00 |            |
| Total Liabilities            |                     | 149,484.00 |            |
| Equity                       |                     | 300,569.49 |            |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY |                     |            | 450,053.49 |

**Staff Report:**

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.

Bernadette Roche, a professor at Loyola University, wants to do research and class-related activity at Lake Roland. She is the director of Environmental and Sustainability Studies at Loyola. She has already done research at Lake Roland and at other serpentine barrens.

A program about the Paw Paw plant is scheduled for Sep. 8. Other programs coming up are Rodent Rampage, Nature Scouts, and a bees and butterflies program. Kurt mentioned that one of the Art on the Trail participants is a certified beekeeper. Nancy Horst is still doing Friday walks.

There are new protocols and procedures for reporting sewage leaks or tampering. Any issues should be reported to a specific DPW phone number immediately.

Barry Williams, head of Baltimore County Parks and Rec., is retiring soon.

### **Environmental and Historic Preservation Report:**

Elise Butler reported that she and Peter Lev met with Anahi Espindola of the University of Maryland, College Park on August 13. Anahi is an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Entomology with a strong research background. She plans to do a comparative study of pollinators in serpentine barrens including Lake Roland, but this is contingent on getting a research grant. Anahi was happy with the research possibilities at Lake Roland. She mentioned that her research team always sends at least two people to a site—that's important for security reasons. The visit with Anahi went very well.

The Fall Native Plant Sale is set for Saturday, September 14, 2019. Elise said that Kay McConnell has a number of volunteers lined up and is ready to go.

Peter Lev reported that Jim Young's lepidoptera study now has two evening visits scheduled in September. Jim wanted to add one more visit after Sep. 6 (originally the end date for site visits), and Colleen Lacy volunteered to assist Jim on Sep. 21.

### **Old Business:**

The policy proposed by Kurt Davis on how a dues-paying LRNC member can request time to speak at a Board meeting has been approved by the EC. It was briefly discussed then tabled at the August board meeting. Here is the draft policy:

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.

Executable Conflict of Interest Policy: The EC has agreed that we need to have Board members sign off on such a policy yearly. Kurt Davis wrote a Conflict of Interest Policy and a Code of Ethics (two separate documents) for LRNC, drawing from several sources, because he thought that the Conflict of Interest Policy prepared by our pro bono attorneys was difficult to understand. Discussion of Kurt's documents was tabled until the next EC meeting.

### **New Business:**

LRNC Annual Meeting: The date will be Nov. 13. Jim Young will be the speaker.

Nominating Committee and Election: Kurt has asked Carlton Sexton to chair the Nominating Committee, and Carlton has accepted. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev