

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Nov. 6, 2019**

Attendees: Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Peter Lev, John Lehman

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

The minutes from 10/2/2019 were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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| Current Assets: | Checking/Savings | 27,628.42 | |
| Total Current Assets | | 27,628.42 | |
| Fixed Assets | | 413,272.09 | |
| Current Liabilities | | 149,484.00 | |
| Total Liabilities | | 149,484.00 | |
| Equity | | 291,416.51 | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | 440,900.51 |

Staff Report: John Lehman reported that he will represent Baltimore County in court for the trial of 2 individuals re burglary at Lake Roland.

The park will be short-staffed in November because Jonathan and Colleen will both be out. John Lehman and Kyle will be the full-time staff working.

John L. will meet with Lindsay Jacks of Lights Out Baltimore about remedial action to prevent birds hitting windows at the Nature Center.

Membership Report: Membership has closed for the year for both LRNC and Paw Point. Both types of membership will start coming in this month, which will help our bank balance.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Report: Peter said that Miscanthus is a continuing problem in the Serpentine area. Peter has been cutting off seed pods around the meadow, and Kurt did this on mowing day Nov. 3. At the north end of the Serpentine—near the bluff—there is a large field of Miscanthus that no one has tackled.

Preparations for Annual Meeting Nov. 13: The following individuals are nominated for Board membership for 3-year terms: Dwight Johnson, Richard North, Christine Corbitt, Marc Klein,

Howdy Knipp, Roger Gookin. Elise Butler is nominated for a 2-year term. Do we have bios for Howdy and Roger?

Kurt suggested that 50% of the members present must vote for each candidate in order for that person to be elected.

Jeffrey asked John to invite Chris Mervine to the annual meeting. Kurt has been in touch with Joe McSharry of the Natural History Society of Maryland about a donation to the Lepidoptera club in honor of Jim Young. Joe McSharry was pleased and grateful.

Jeffrey will bring a list of paid-up members to the meeting. Parking—we don't anticipate a big crowd. Members can park in the lot near the dam. Directors will probably park on the hill in "staff parking."

Peter will talk to Jim Young to confirm arrangements for his presentation (Update—taken care of).

Weather Station: We had a problem with bandwidth to the Nature Center that is now solved because of a Comcast upgrade on Hollins Ave. Everything now looks good for the weather station. One issue to be decided is whether we want lightning detection, with siren, as part of the weather station package. This would be helpful for summer camp and other outdoor activities, but the neighbors might not appreciate it.

New Business:

Volunteer Signups— We need more detail about what is expected of LRNC volunteers, both in general and regarding individual assignments. Also, volunteers should identify any limitations that may affect their ability to do specific tasks. Jeffrey said that the Signup Genius has helped a lot in finding volunteers, but he agreed on the need for more information in the volunteer process.

Long-range Planning—Jeffrey said that we need to focus on making the final payment for the nature center, a well-received project in the park.

Another pending issue is finding and preparing the next generation of LRNC leaders. It's possible that several Board members will step down in the next few years. Who will replace them?