

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

Board Members Present: Kurt Davis, Lydia Redding, Marc Klein, Gero Verheyen, Carlton Sexton, Elise Butler, Peter Lev, Dwight Johnson, Rick North, Howdy Knipp, Roger Gookin, Jeffrey Budnitz

Other Attendees: Ranger Jonathan Wood

Review of Minutes: Annual meeting minutes from Nov. 2019 were reviewed; no changes requested. Actual approval of these minutes will happen at the Nov. 2020 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Assets Checking/Saving	\$59,035.00
Total Current Assets	59,035.00
Fixed Assets	415,959.44
TOTAL ASSETS	474,994.44
Current Liabilities	149,484.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	149,484.00
Equity	325,510.44
TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	\$474,994.44

Staff Report: Ranger J. Wood said that things are slowing down because of winter. Two events for January 1—First Day Hike and First Day Yoga. The regular Friday morning hikes are on hiatus until March. Lake Roland is once again having School's Out day camp for days when Baltimore County schools are not in session: January 20, February 17 and April 6.

The leading candidate for Activity Coordinator rescinded her acceptance, so the park is still understaffed.

Two Spring events we haven't tried before: 1. a Bird Extravaganza in mid-April, for migratory as well as resident birds; 2. a Woodcock walk at twilight in March.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Committee:

Elise Butler said she is trying to make EHP into a working committee, one that gets things done in the park. It has been more about planning.

EHP and the Guilford Garden Club will not be doing a native plant sale in Spring 2020. We will look at other types of fundraisers.

Paw Point Committee: 252 dogs registered so far. There was a big cleanup the weekend of Dec. 14-15.

Trails Committee: Jeffrey Budnitz said the Trails Committee had a great year. In addition to many projects at Lake Roland, committee members also worked on specific projects at other Baltimore County parks. Jeffrey has sent an email reporting on 2019 projects, with links to photo documentation.

Recreation Committee: Gero Verheyen reported: 1. a Donut Run is being planned; 2. the container project for storing canoes should be a big help to the committee.

Membership Committee: 61 members.

Residents Committee: No report.

New Business:

Secretary Peter Lev had sent Board members information on two versions of a proposed Weather Station on the roof of the Lake Roland Nature Center. One without lightning detection and warning was budgeted at \$21,291 for 7 years; one with lightning detection was budgeted at \$28,785 for 7 years. Ranger Wood had expressed, by email, strong interest in the lightning detector version. In this evening's discussion, Jeffrey Budnitz said either contract was a lease arrangement, with Earth Networks providing maintenance. Howdy Knipp asked if the Board should spend money on a Weather Station given other needs. Peter Lev said the Weather Station would serve Paw Point as well as park staff, park events, pavilion rentals, and general visitors. Therefore, yearly fees could draw on more than one revenue stream. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the larger contract, Weather Station with lightning detection.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev